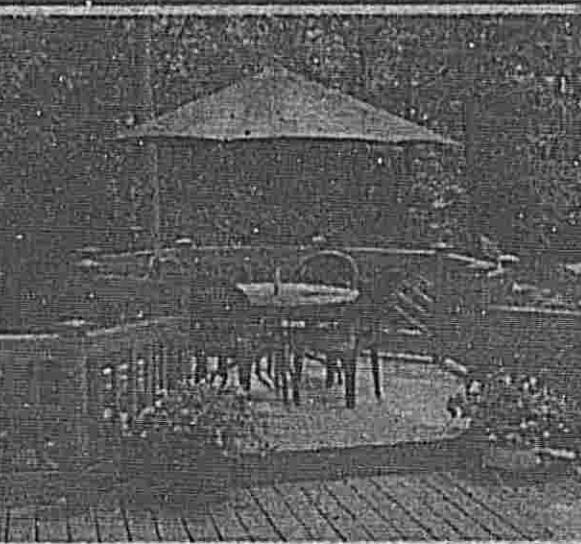


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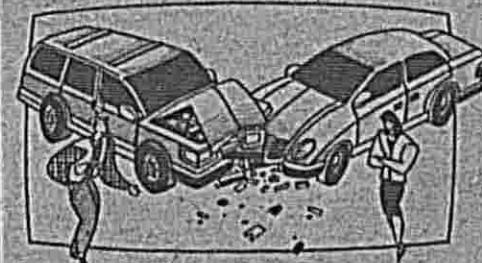
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2. Be creative with the rails. Railings and balusters around decks perform an important safety function, especially if your deck will be on the second story.

3. Less maintenance, more fun. Wood is no longer the exclu-

- sive material of choice for deck builders. Alternative materials offer lower maintenance requirements and longevity than wood. Aluminum, composite, polyethylene, vinyl and other alternative materials all have their advantages, and each will help you achieve a different look for your deck.

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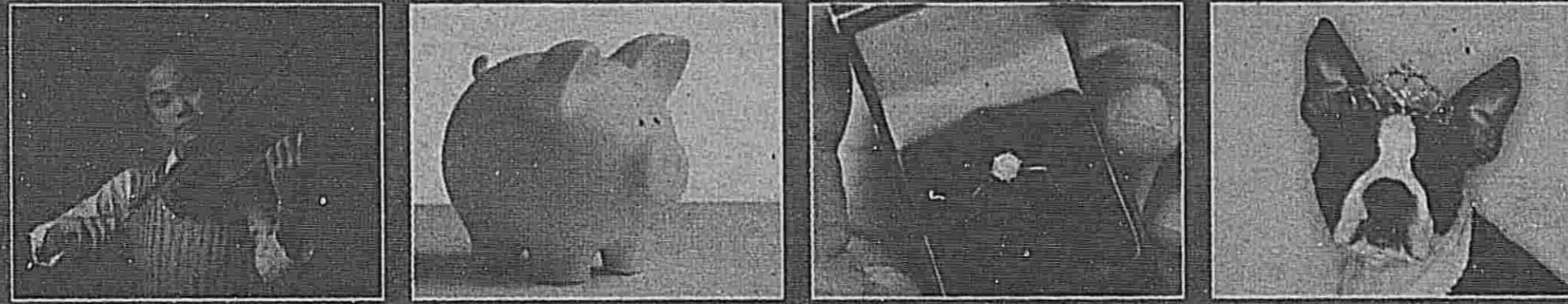
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| ter 7:45 a.m. on the 18 th day of August 2006. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:45 p.m. on the 21 st day of September 2006, at the Round Lake High School Multimedia Center, 800 High School Drive, Round Lake, Illinois. Dated this 17 th day of August 2006. Board of Education of the School District No. 118 in the County of Lake, State of Illinois. | | Occupant: Lee Bussie Contents: Furniture, mattresses, TV | county in Waukegan, Illinois on January 11, 2007. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. You are urged to redeem immediately to prevent loss of property. | REDEMPTION can be made at any time on or before November 28, 2006 by applying to the County Clerk of Lake County at the County Court House in Waukegan, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk, County of Lake, as Trustee Purchaser | VINCENT R. KING; Mortagor(s) to M.E.R.S. INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC. Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of LAKE County, Illinois, as Document No. 5628050; and for other relief. | PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION NAME OF BUSINESS: Ink baby | PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION NAME OF BUSINESS: Ezdirectmail | PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION NAME OF BUSINESS: Manuel Dominguez Landscaping | PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION NAME OF BUSINESS: Disc Jockey/Sound Service | PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION NAME OF BUSINESS: A2Z Steve DJ-Sound Service | |
| Hal Davis, Secretary Board of Education Round Lake Area Schools Community Unit District #116 Lake County, IL. 0818C-7966-RL August 18, 2006 | | Unit #3611020 Occupant: Jessie Visocnik Contents: Computer racks, motors, fan, tools | Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 28, 2006 by applying to the County Clerk of Lake County at the County Court House in Waukegan, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk, County of Lake, as Trustee Purchaser | Unit #4011010 Occupant: Jeff Peterson Contents: Tools, upright toolbox, containers | 18 North County Street Waukegan, Illinois 60085 on or before September 5, 2006, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. | PIERCE & ASSOCIATES Attorneys for Plaintiff Thirteenth Floor 1 North Dearborn Chicago, Illinois 60602 Tel. (312) 346-9088 Fax (312) 346-1557 PA 0606508 | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | |
| PUBLIC NOTICE SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE INC. 1100 W. ROLLINS RD. ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS, IL. 60073 847-546-9300 | | These items and all items stored in the above units will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Removal of all items from the premises must be within three days from date of sale and a security bond posted to cover same. | Sale will be held on August 19, 2006 on the premises of SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE, 1100 W. Rollins Road, Round Lake Heights, Illinois 60073. (Fairfield - and Rollins Road) at approximately 9:00 a.m. To 12:00 noon. SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the above mentioned items prior to sale. | NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS. | WEBB'S MARINA, INC. 25837 W. RTE 173 ANTIOCH, IL. 60002 847-395-2217 | PIERCE & ASSOCIATES Attorneys for Plaintiff Thirteenth Floor 1 North Dearborn Chicago, Illinois 60602 Tel. (312) 346-9088 Fax (312) 346-1557 PA 0606508 | STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE | STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE | STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE | STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE | |
| LEGAL NOTICE | | Notice is hereby given that SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE, INC., 1100 W. Rollins Road, Round Lake Heights, Illinois 60073, will sell the personal goods from the following units to satisfy the lien of SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE (Seller) for rental and other charges due. | SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the above mentioned items prior to sale. | PUBLIC NOTICE ACCIDENTS. | 0818C-7965-RL August 18, 25, 2006 | IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS | PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION NAME OF BUSINESS: Copper Turtle Gourmet Confections | This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. | /s/ Jennifer L. Tutaj Melisewitz | This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. | /s/ Steven Lanham |
| Unit #0081015 Occupant: Brad Kleban Contents: Organ, bicycle, boxes, lawn mower. | | To: Village of Gurnee; Lake Partners; North Star Trust Department; their spouses, heirs, devisees, successors or assigns, if any, persons in occupancy or actual possession and unknown owners or parties interested in the hereinafter described real estate. | ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC. | PLAINTIFF 06 CH 1245 | NATURE/PURPOSE ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Barbara J. Noster Notary Public | August 1, 2006 | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Joy E. Lippo Notary Public | Received: Aug. 8, 2006 Willard R. Hellander Lake County Clerk 0818C-7962-RL August 11, 18, 2006 | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Claudia C. Rodriguez Notary Public | Received: Aug. 8, 2006 Willard R. Hellander Lake County Clerk 0818C-7962-RL August 18, 25, 2006 |
| Unit #1201020 Occupant: Greg Schniders Contents: Pontiac Firebird, auto parts, tires. | | Tax Deed No. 03 TX 1 TAKE NOTICE | County of Lake, Date Premises Sold: December 1, 2003 Permanent Index No: 07-17-300-023 Sold for General Taxes of 2002 and/or prior | NOTICE BY PUBLICATION | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF VINCENT R. KING, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; | DEFENDANTS | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-548-2311. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. |
| Unit #1260510 Occupant: Richard Heigel Contents: Beds, Jack stand, tools. | | THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | DEFENDANTS | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. |
| Unit #1270510 Occupant: Richard Heigel Contents: Headers, tools, grinder, bicycles. | | Property located at: Dedicated Road, Village of Gurnee Doc #4396738, 0 Grand Ave., Gurnee, the west line of Almond Rd., approx. 158.6 feet south of the south line of Bittersweet Dr. | LOT 3 IN BLOCK 148 IN VENETIAN VILLAGE UNIT NUMBER 15, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED APRIL 7, 1954 IN BOOK 32 OF PLATS, PAGES 88 AND 89, AS DOCUMENT 820687 AND AS CORRECTED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 3, 1954 AS DOCUMENT 835707, IN BOOK 1238 OF RECORDS, PAGE 606, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | DEFENDANTS | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. |
| Unit #1371010 Occupant: Richard Heigel Contents: Weber grill, TV, portable radio. | | Permanent Index No: 07-17-300-023 | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | DEFENDANTS | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. |
| Unit #1461010 Occupant: Sherri Christensen Contents: Furniture, boxes, TV, bed. | | This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 28, 2006 as extended. | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | DEFENDANTS | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. |
| Unit #1530505 Occupant: Kathleen Ott Contents: Boxes | | Permanent Index No: 07-17-300-023 | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | DEFENDANTS | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. |
| Unit #2141010 Occupant: John Casey Contents: Air conditioner, fish tank, furniture. | | This notice is to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 28, 2006. | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | DEFENDANTS | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. |
| Unit #2201010 Occupant: Jennifer Krammen Contents: Boxes, furniture, clothes, chairs. | | The County of Lake, as Trustee, Purchaser intends to make application for an order on the petition for a tax deed, and this matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | DEFENDANTS | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. |
| Unit #2241010 Occupant: Theresa Caragher Contents: Computers, boxes, washer, dryer. | | This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 28, 2006. | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | DEFENDANTS | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. |
| Unit #2290510 Occupant: Cindy Johnson Contents: Boxes, container | | The County of Lake, as Trustee, Purchaser intends to make application for an order on the petition for a tax deed, and this matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | DEFENDANTS | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. | OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Vicki R. Stech, 284 McMillan St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-2067. |
| Unit #3070510 Occupant: Eric Martinez Contents: Carpet | | Commonly known as: 1903 BURR OAK LANE LINDENHURST, IL 60046 and which said Mortgage was made by, | NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, JOAN KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: | NOTICE IS GIVEN | | | | | | | |

Sheriff's office investigation ends, election looms

By EMILY PREVITI
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After a decade as Lake County Sheriff, Gary Del Re would like to continue to serve.

He will seek re-election in November against Democrat Mark Curran, a Waukegan-based attorney.

Depending on how one interprets them, the results of an investigation (see The Investigation) by the Illinois State's Attorney General and Lake County State's Attorney's Offices into that of the Lake County Sheriff could help or hinder Del Re.

Curran referred to the state of affairs in the financial department of the sheriff's office as "frightening" and disingenuous to taxpayers.

"My opponent seems to be missing this point," Del Re said, adding that criminal charges were not filed and the report did not suggest embezzlement or theft.

The state's attorney and attorney general's offices released a report on their findings on Aug. 9.

The report determined that the sheriff's office practices policies that are "either wholly inadequate or, if they exist, are not followed."

Investigators recommended that "proper policies must dictate internal fi-

The Investigation

Former Lake County Jail Guard Michael Horowitz brought forth a slew of charges against the Lake County Sheriff's Office in August 2003, which prompted the Lake County State's Attorney and Illinois Attorney General's Offices to collaborate with the FBI and auditing firm Clifton-Gunderson, LLP, in an investigation.

Baseless: Drug trafficking and jewelry theft operations by officials, abuse against detainees, kickbacks from various companies that bid on service contracts, Del Re's intervention on behalf of his sons in criminal and legal proceedings. Jeffrey Pavletic, chief deputy state's attorney, said "not a speck" of evidence supported these claims.

Unprovable: Several claims, which included accusing officials of sexual misconduct, false arrest, and theft from those in jail. The report cited "insufficient evidence": "Rumor and innuendo cannot be used in a court room to prove someone guilty beyond reasonable doubt," Pavletic said.

Indeterminable: Lack of policy, records and institutional control inhibited thorough investigation of records of vacation and leave time.

nancial controls and record keeping."

Residents from Lake County paused to react to the contents of the report. Of the 15 people interviewed, no one knew about the investigation.

"Anytime you're in charge of public funds, it's important to be accountable," Bonnie Meyer, of Grayslake, said.

"If people are losing financial records, they should be taken to task for it," Lorretta Silver, of Grayslake, said. "It happens all too often."

Looking ahead

"Several improvements [initiated] prior to this report being released are, in fact, in place," Del Re said.

Del Re said that Kevin Lyons, a financial analyst, assumed a position oversee-

ing the financial department in January.

"Oversight is the key in some of those issues," Del Re said. "Those were easy fixes."

Del Re said Lyons will report back to him with recommendations to increase efficiency and strengthen checks and balances in a department with a budget of \$50 million.

Former Undersheriff Gary Stryker also reported to the sheriff, according to the job description for the undersheriff's position posted online.

Stryker, who resigned in April, was the lone administrator who did not submit statements of credit card expenditures during January 2001 – December 2003, according to the report. The investigation determined that Stryker

charged more than \$23,000 – about \$2,700 on meals written off as business lunches – on his department credit card. Credit card expenditures for four other administrators in that time frame totaled \$6,000.

Del Re said his office has since implemented guidelines for credit card use.

Looking within

When asked whether he was surprised at the assessment of his office's finances, Del Re declined to comment.

"It's become increasingly clear as I examine things in our office that it is perhaps their opinion and perhaps they do things differently at the state level," he said.

"There are rules and regulations that dictate how offices should be run," Pavletic said. "Those regulations have to be followed regardless of whether you're the sheriff or the treasurer or the state's attorney's office or the clerk ... and those [rules stem from] county ordinances and regulations, and those come under the laws of Illinois."

Former employees Charles DeFilippo and Lawrence Lesza have been indicted on charges of forgery and theft. The charges stem from their involvement in a pension fraud scheme, Pavletic said. The trial is pending.

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Friday, August 18, 2006

Editor's Choice by Larry Lough

What season is it? Football and politics

The last half of August has us sliding toward school and elections.

You probably saw the back-to-school section in your Journal last week. We have more school-specific information this week as summer vacation winds down.

Next week be sure to look for the Journal's annual high school football section, previewing the coming season for Lake County's up-and-coming Brett Favres and Brian Urlachers.

And as Labor Day approaches, campaign season gets under way. This will be another important election (aren't they all?), so you can expect the candidates to show up more often in news and features articles in your Journal.

Political season, of course, really has no beginning – and no end. That's why Party Lines, a popular local feature, is a regular in the Journal Opinion section.

Some things, such as politics and prep

football, don't change much, except for the faces.

Other things, such as newspapers, tend to change a lot in the highly competitive media market of north suburban Chicago.

The goal of the Journal, however, always will be to offer you useful, relevant news about your community.

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Quote of the Week

"It behooves everybody to look to the future."
—Peter Kolb, on a plan to bring Lake Michigan water to villages. (see story on A8)

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Woman's goal within grasp

Faith-fueled journey now needs something more

The Kristen Anderson story

Kristen Anderson's story will be told in the Weekly Journals over five weeks. Part one: Meet Kristen and learn how a typical girl began to lose hope about life.

Part two: Read how Kristen came to the conclusion that her life was not worth living on a cold night in January 2000.

Part three: Enter the world of a recovering amputee and discover how she found Jesus Christ.

Part four: Learn about an event that aims to help Kristen finish school and begin ministry work.

Part five: Discover how the community comes out in support of a 24-year-old woman.

By KATHY GRESEY
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On Saturday, Aug. 19, the Lake County community will come together to help Kristen Anderson.

Six years ago, Kristen nearly lost her life after attempting suicide by lying in front of a train near her home in Lake Villa.

Though the young woman lost her legs, she found a reason to live. Kristen is pursuing her education in ministry at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. She wants to help people around the world, so that they can live better lives and not lose hope, as she did.

Last May, Kristen earned an associate's degree at Moody by taking online courses. She now needs about \$22,000 to complete her studies with a bachelor's degree in women's ministries.

A team of people has rallied to help Kristen. Most attend church with the 24-year-old at The Chapel in Grayslake.

"We think we have God with us in this event," said Jim Sipes, a member of the Kristen Anderson fundraiser team. "[Kristen] just has a love for Christ that's amazing."

The details

The fundraiser is open to the public and will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. at Stratford Banquet Hall, 64 Seymour Ave., in Grayslake.

Tickets for the event, which cost \$10, will be available at the

How to help

If you would like to donate raffle or auction items to the Kristen Anderson fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 19, call Janet Skeels at (224) 522-9753 or e-mail kristenanderson-fundraiser@yahoo.com. Monetary donations also are accepted.

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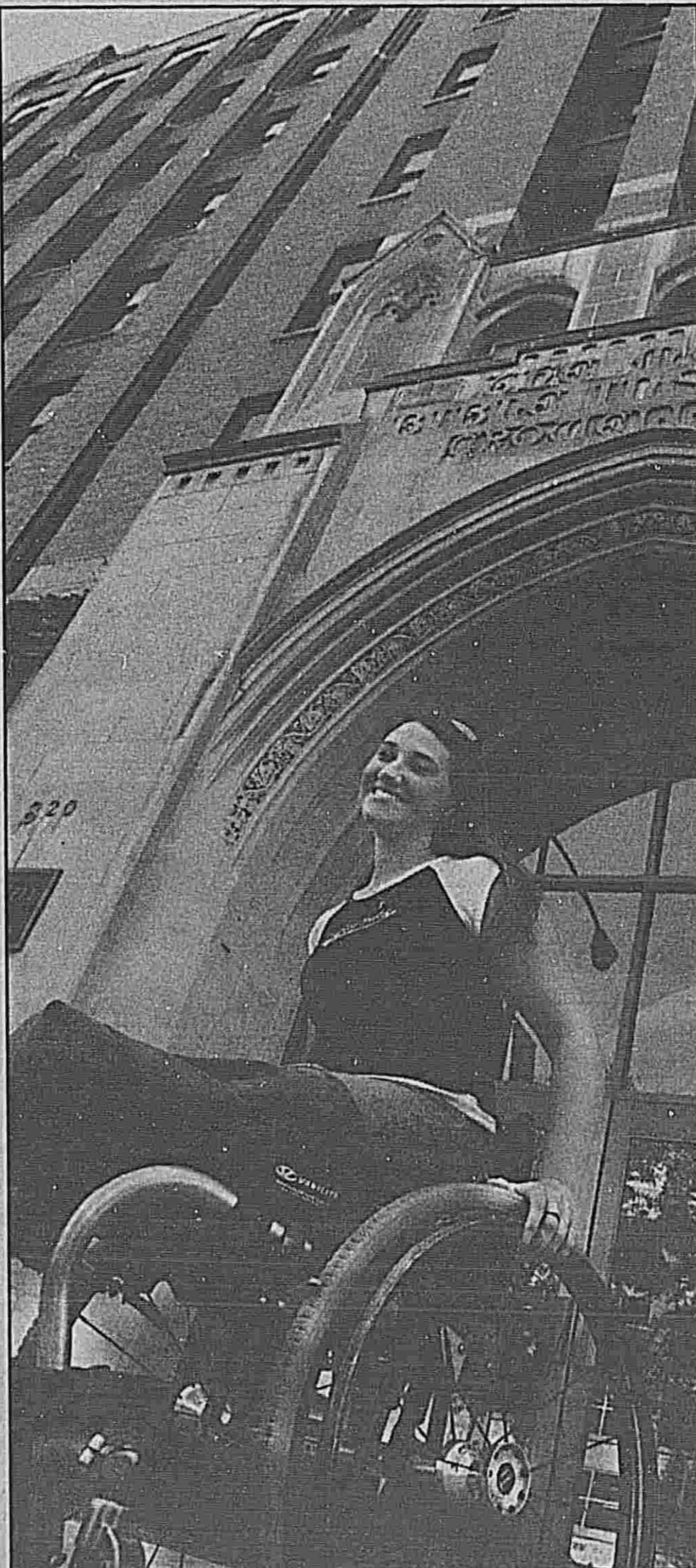
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Janet Skeels, who conceived the idea for the fundraiser, said the first goal was to raise as much money as possible.

It will cost Kristen about \$11,000 a year to attend Moody. Although tuition costs are covered by the school, books and living expenses must be paid by the student.

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Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com
Kristen Anderson takes a leap of faith and moves to downtown Chicago into a dorm at Moody Bible Institute. Anderson hopes her fundraiser this Saturday will offset the cost of her women's ministry education.

• Our Town New face on board

Ken Karasek is the newest face on Antioch's Planning and Zoning Board. Mayor Dorothy Larson officially swore him into office a couple of weeks ago. Karasek

smiled in front of the crowd; I think I saw him blush.

In Karasek's letter to the mayor, he wrote that he moved to

Antioch in 1997, and itched to know more about his new home. He attended village board meetings regularly. He eventually worked on the Antioch Redevelopment Commission, was Chair of the Fourth of July Parade, ran for village trustee, and did countless other activities.

Talk about being an active citizen. Good luck, Ken. I'm sure you'll be great in your new role.

The Antioch Township Democrats recently elected new leaders. The new township chair is Peter V. Grant, vice chair is Tim Chichester, and Billie Kocal was named secretary.

The Township Democrats aim to promote democratic values in the Antioch area. They help Democrat candidates get elected to local, state, and national offices.

Best wishes to the new leadership.

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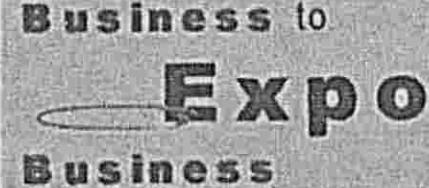
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Registration underway for tutor program

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The Lake County Adult Learning Connection's registration for a volunteer tutor orientation is now open for interested individuals.

The 2-hour orientation meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at the Warren-Newport Public Library, in Gurnee. Potential volunteer tutors will have the opportunity to learn more about the services provided by the Lake County Adult Learning Connection.

Schedules for the basic reading and English as a Second Language preservice trainings also will be available.

All volunteers are required to attend the orientation and the subsequent pre-service training.

The training session will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday,

Learn more

For more information about the Lake County Adult Learning Connection or to register for the Sept. 6 orientation, call Iris at (847) 543-2024.

Sept. 7, and will take place at the College of Lake County, in Grayslake.

Although the training is at the College of Lake County, the actual volunteer tutoring takes place at various sites throughout the county.

The Lake County Adult Learning Connection is a 21-year-old organization, and the mission is to provide free basic skills instruction for Lake County residents 18 and older.

The agency also offers free GED instruction for parents with children age 6 and under.

LAKE VILLA

Villages consider using lake water

Water Planning Group to conduct study on feasibility of project

By TARA CLIFTON

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LAKE VILLA — Village officials are looking into the possibility of not only using Lake Michigan for swimming, boating and fishing, but also for drinking.

Glenn McCullom, Lake Villa's director of public works, said the village is one of a handful of Lake County towns that have expressed interest in receiving water from Lake Michigan through a county-led initiative.

The Northern Lake County Lake Michigan Water

Planning Group, part of the Lake County Department of Public Works, wants to conduct a study that will focus on the feasibility of such a project, said Peter Kolb, the county's public works director.

In order to make the study as complete as possible, county officials are asking that villages that want to be a part of the study speak up soon.

So far Lake Villa, Antioch, Beach Park, Lindenhurst, Fox Lake and a few others have signed on, Kolb said, and have committed financially to help pay for the study's costs.

McCullom said an outside engineering firm will conduct the study.

Kolb said leaders in northern Lake County seem to agree that the drinking water supply is growing ever more shallow, especially when looking out over the next 20 years.

Both McCullom and Kolb said the area's groundwater is limited, and the cost of drilling into aquifers is costly, not to mention the risk of running into contaminants, such as radium, also would be pricey.

Aquifers are pockets of water below the water table, deep within the ground. Radium is a radioactive chemical that naturally resides in water, but too much of it can be dangerous.

Possibly using water lines to pull Lake Michigan water to drying-up sections of Lake County seems to be the answer, but Kolb said this plan is "very preliminary," at least a 10-year process.

"We're hoping there's sufficient community support," Kolb said. "It behooves everybody to look to the future."

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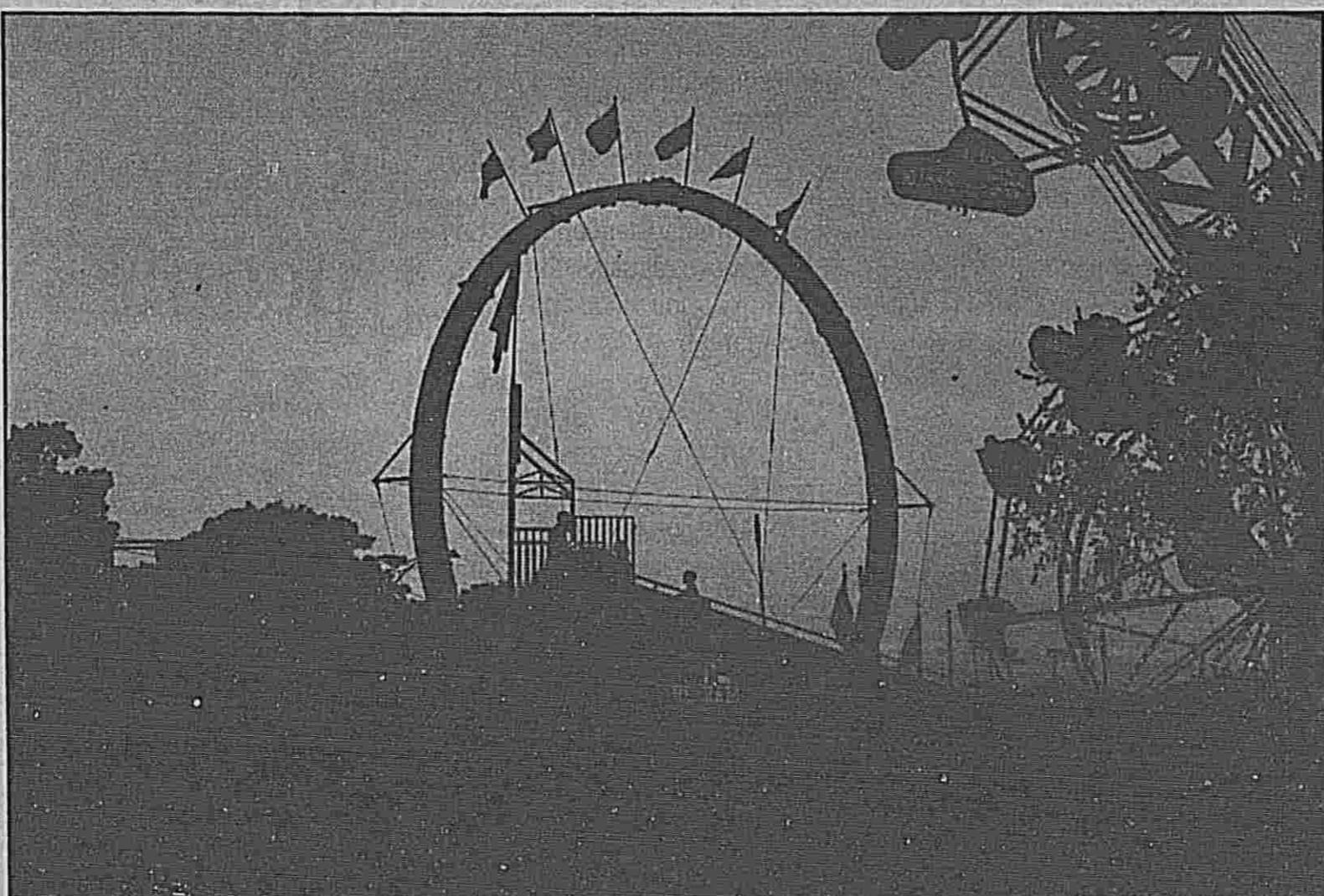
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Festival expressions of fun



A sunset at the Village of Lindenhurst's fourth annual Lindenfest on the grounds of the village hall and Slove Park.



Lindenhurst's 2006 Little Miss first runner up, Katelyn Peters, 7, enjoys Lindenfest with her cousin Kia Brefeld.

Lindenfest delights once again

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LINDENHURST — Held right next to village hall and the police station, Lindenfest 2006 offered all sorts of entertainment to those who sought it from Aug. 10 to 13.

Risk-takers could eat cotton candy, hot dogs and more junk food and combine it

with the many carnival rides.

Residents also enjoyed concerts, the Miss, Junior Miss, and Little Miss Lindenhurst pageant, magicians and more.

Photographer Annie Christie visited the annual festival, and captured its highlights.

Photos by Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com



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A crazy hour

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The sales will be offered from 9 p.m. to midnight at stores in downtown Antioch on Aug. 24. Besides great discounts, shoppers can win \$500 in Chamber of Commerce gift certificates and a free one-year lease on a new car from an Antioch auto dealer.

Before shopping, residents can attend the final "It's Thursday" concert, featuring the Rockefellers at 7:30 p.m. at the band shell on Skidmore Drive. Call the village hall at (847) 395-1000 for more information.

School Supplies

The Open Arms Mission is looking for people to help out with its "Back to School" supplies drive. The mission's goal is to help 250 students from Antioch and Lake Villa Townships get the tools they need for the classroom. An

\$11 donation can buy a kit full of pens, pencils, a calculator, and more. For more information, call the mission at (847) 395-0309.

Six Flags tickets

Residents can pick up tickets to Six Flags Great America from the parks department at 806 Holbek Drive. General admission one-day tickets are sold, costing \$36.50 each, and two-day tickets are sold for \$54 each. Children three and under are free. Only cash will be accepted. Call (847) 395-2160 for more information.

Senior Day

The Antioch Township Board will sponsor a Super Senior Day on Friday, Sept. 22.

The Rules of the Road Review Course will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon, a vision test from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and other services from the Mobile Drivers Facility from 9:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. Call (847) 395-3378 for more information.

Library Digest

Children's Programs

Sign-Up Required Programs Aug. 23, at 6:30 p.m. "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" Storytime and craft. Ages 3 and older.

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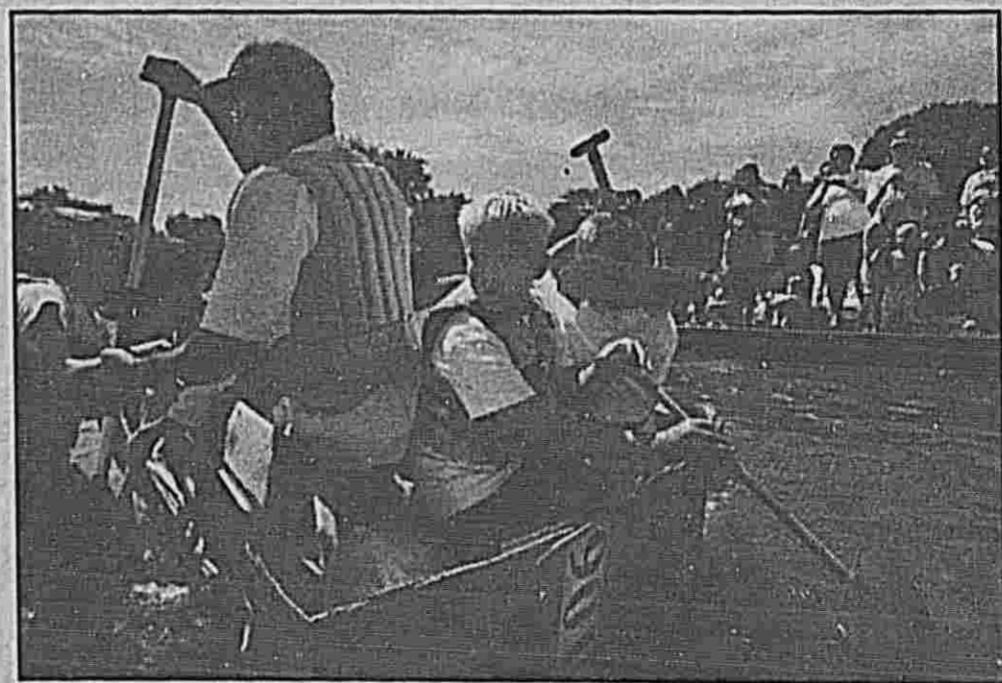
Crafty show for crafty people

ANTIOCH — Creative people from around the county will display their talents at the village's annual Arts and Crafts Faire, on Sept. 9 and 10 at the Orchard Street extension and Skidmore Drive in downtown Antioch.

Pottery, paintings, jewelry, needlework and more will be the focus of the event. Admission is free, but crafts are not.

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (847) 395-2233 or village hall at (847) 395-1000.

A new kind of boating



Chris Padgett - cpadgett@nwnews.com
Jimmy Caldwell, 10, holds a snow shovel as his paddle next to Jim Martin (left) during the first cardboard boat regatta in Grayslake at Jones Island.

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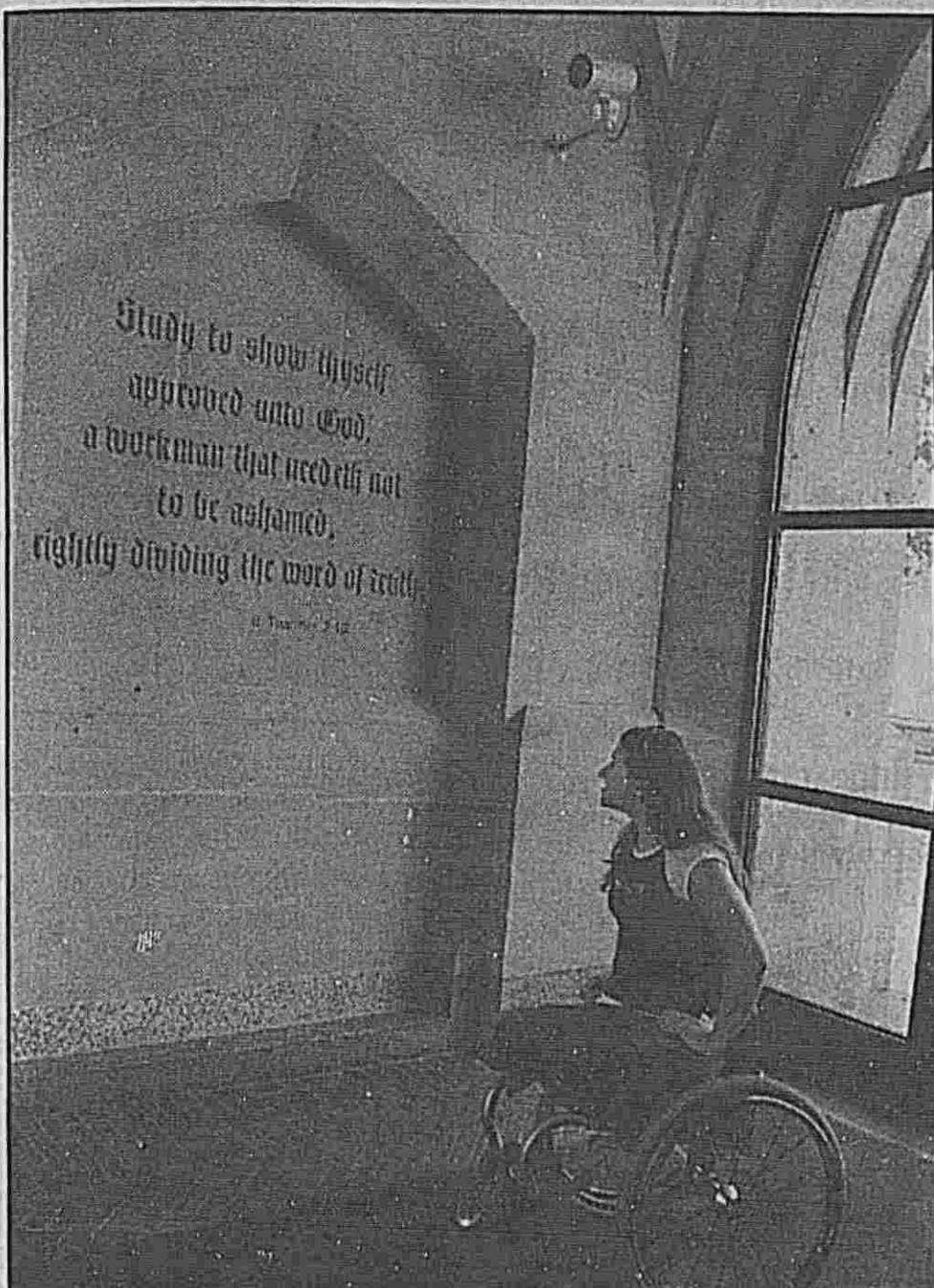
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Kristen Anderson tours Moody Bible Institute. Anderson begins her studies in women's ministries shortly.

Local woman credits God for changing her life

• ANDERSON

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Kristen has been working full-time to raise money for her education, but without the fundraiser it might be impossible for her to pay for school.

"This fundraiser team came behind me, and they believe in me," she said. "It's encouraging that they believe I'm someone worth having a fundraiser for."

The future

After Kristen completes her studies, she says, she will dedicate herself to ministry work.

Through her already established organization, Reaching You Ministries, she hopes to help people in places such as Africa, Israel and France. She also would like to broadcast a ministry radio program.

"I have a heart for people in these places," she said. "It just breaks my heart that there are kids who don't have a church to

go to."

Kristen's mother, Jan, said her daughter had come a long way in the past six years. Kristen has turned into an amazing woman, she said.

"I wish Kristen would not have had to pay such a high price," she said. "I know God saved her, and He saved her for a reason. She wants to go into women's ministries, and I think she can be very impactful that way."

Kristen said many people helped lead her toward a real relationship with Christ, adding that she wants to help others as those people helped her.

Knowing God and knowing His purpose for her has changed her life entirely, she said. Now each of her days is filled with joy.

"He has totally filled me with hope," Kristen said. "That hope, and understanding His plans for me, is what has helped me the most."

COMMUNITY

Group educates women on the techniques of breast feeding

La Leche allows mothers to socialize with their children

By TARA CLIFTON
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LAKE VILLA — At first glance, breast feeding appears to be a simple procedure.

Not quite. In fact, breast feeding involves multiple techniques, and an international organization, La Leche League, aims to inform women of these methods. The league also informs on the health benefits associated with breast feeding and women's rights concerning the issue.

La Leche League of Central Lake County, which is based in Lake Villa, has the same goals.

Chris Frascello, one of the group's four leaders, said the branch has become a source of information and friendship, not only for her but for its

members, which hail from all over the county.

"The only thing you're not allowed to do," Frascello said, "is leave the meeting without having your questions answered."

The group meets at 10 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, at the Lake Villa United Methodist Church on Sherwood, south of Grand Avenue and west of Route 83.

Usually the gatherings center around a topic that has been studied through out several months, such as how to start nursing when a newborn is brought home, Frascello said.

Open discussions with questions and answers are always welcome, and happen often, Frascello said. Also, the group socializes by going on picnics and having play dates

for both mothers and children.

Most of all, La Leche offers support for new members of motherhood, Frascello said.

"A mom just wants to hear they're doing it right," Frascello said. "You're going to be OK."

Frascello said she nursed her only child, Clara, 6, until she was four years old. She doesn't recommend this for everyone, saying the American Academy of Pediatrics advises on a year of breast feeding.

Even though Frascello said she didn't feed Clara in public very often, she said she believes that every woman has the right to do so anytime and anywhere.

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LINDENHURST

Park leaders need grants for proposed projects

By TARA CLIFTON
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LINDENHURST — Park district officials hope they will receive three grants that will help improve one park and create another.

Tom Lippert, executive director of the Lindenhurst Park District, said the district applied for three state grants totaling more than \$1 million.

The money from two grants would be used to improve the John Janega Memorial Park, 205 Hickory Drive, Lippert said.

The third grant would help the district pay for the establishment of a park, which could cost up to \$1.6 million.

Improvements for the John Janega park include installing access ramps for those with disabilities, Lippert said. A con-

ceptual master plan should be available soon on the district's Web site, www.lindenhurst-parks.org.

One of the grants for the Janega park is a \$600,000 matching grant, Lippert said, meaning that the park district would be reimbursed for half of the grant once the revamping is complete.

The worth of the other grant is determined by need, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will match a certain percentage of what is granted, Lippert said.

"We'll cross our fingers on that one," Lippert said of getting the grants. "It's a matter of going out and showing the folks in Springfield what a viable project it is."

Officials also will have to prove the worthiness of creat-

ing a park along Grass Lake Road, near Heritage Trails and McDonald Woods.

The Trust for Public Land, a national non-profit conservation organization, bought nearly 20 acres for the park. The area is farmland and includes a wetland, and a grove of "beautiful, mature oak trees," Lippert said.

The park would have an observation deck for the wetland area, soccer fields, and hiking and biking trails.

One of the proposed park's perks is being connected to other parks, Lippert said.

Park officials applied for a \$750,000 matching grant to help ease the cost of the hefty project.

Lippert said officials will not know the fate of all three grants until the end of 2006.

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LIBERTYVILLE

Race for awareness

Rally for Autism set for Saturday at Independence Grove

By REBECCA KLUGIEWICZ
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LIBERTYVILLE — Get ready to race for a good cause in Libertyville this weekend.

The Fourth Annual Rally for Autism will be Aug. 19 at Independence Grove Forest Preserve. The event is sponsored by the Autism Society of America's Northeast Illinois Chapter and Bally Total Fitness.

Eric Smith, the race director, said the event will feature a 5K run, a 5K family fun walk, and a Kids' Goody Grab prize event. In addition, WXLC Radio will broadcast live from the event.

The race begins at 9 a.m., and participants can warm up with a team from Bally's at 8:40 a.m.

Race winners will receive one-year memberships to Bally Total Fitness. Additional awards will be given to the top 10 fundraisers.

Autism, a developmental disability affecting a person's communication and social interaction skills, is found in one

If you're interested ...

The Fourth Annual Rally for Autism will be at Independence Grove Forest Preserve, 16400 W. Route 137, on Saturday. The race begins at 9 a.m.

To register, visit www.SignMeUp.com/5358. Registration will also be open beginning at 7 a.m. at Independence Grove on the day of the race.

in every 166 children born today.

"It's a staggering number," Smith said.

Smith, the president of the Autism Society of Illinois and treasurer of the ASA's Northeast Illinois Chapter, has two children with autism.

He hopes the event raises both money and awareness for the cause. The money will aid local families by providing educational seminars, information, referral services, and connecting them with resources and support.

Last year's rally raised nearly \$15,000 for the cause and had more than 400 participants.

Softball tournament to raise money for park

LAKE VILLA — Village leaders, rescue squad members and residents will compete bat-to-bat to raise money for the Lake Villa Baseball Park facility.

The Village of Lake Villa, the Village of Lindenhurst, the Village of Antioch, the Village of Fox Lake, Lake Villa Township, the Tim Osmond family, Lake Villa Township Fire and Rescue, and the Lake Villa Township Baseball League will battle in a day-long tournament.

The games begin at 10 a.m. Aug. 19, at the Lake Villa Baseball Park. At the end of the

day seven trophies will be awarded. The lowest-ranking team will receive the Horse's Rear End Trophy.

But softball won't be the only spectacle that day. A raffle, the Helicopter Ball Drop, will release baseballs from a helicopter 200 feet in the air. The ball that lands closest to second base wins. Baseballs cost \$10 each.

The Lake Villa Queens also will have a 50/50 raffle all day, and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the Village of Lake Villa at (847) 356-6100.

LIBERTYVILLE

Protecting animals

By REBECCA KLUGIEWICZ
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LIBERTYVILLE - Animal lovers have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of furry and feathered friends.

Animal Education and Rescue is sponsoring a meeting for people interested in becoming licensed humane investigators. AER is a nonprofit organization located in Libertyville that is dedicated to helping animals.

Sandy Kamen Wisniewski, the director of AER, said the guest speaker for the seminar will be Michael Roach, the lead humane investigator for the Anti-Cruelty Society.

Wisniewski became a humane investigator earlier this year. She said she has gone on about 35 calls, ranging from complaints of dogs tied to trees to a complaint about a woman with dozens of rabbits in tiny cages.

"I've always been an advocate for the downtrodden and the helpless," she said, explaining why she became an investiga-

Learn more

The seminar on what it takes to become a volunteer humane investigator will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at 135 W. Church St. in Libertyville on Sept. 5.

Seating is limited. To reserve a seat, call (847) 816-9831, or e-mail aear1@anet.com.

tor. "Animals have less of a voice than children because they cannot speak, so that makes them the most vulnerable souls."

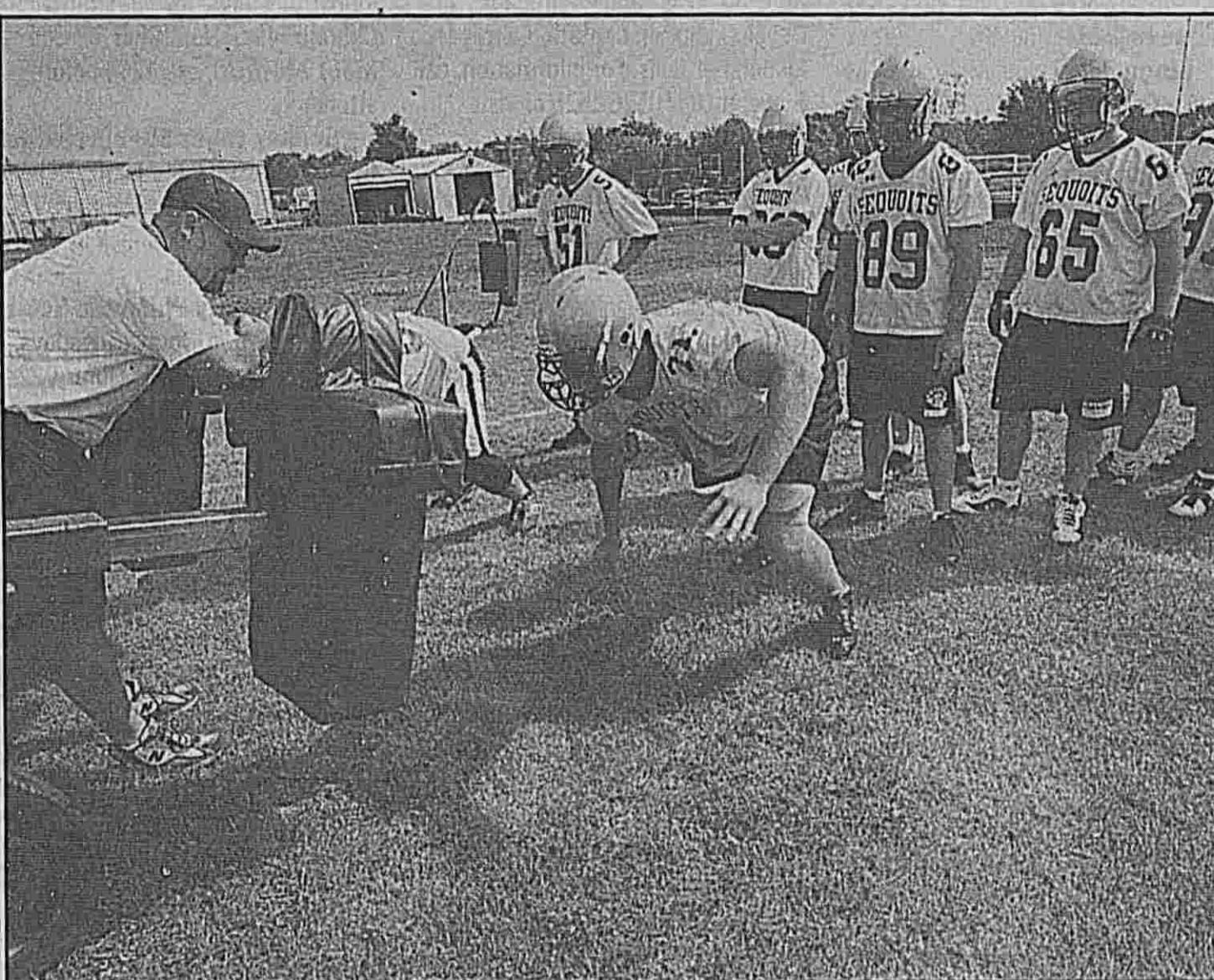
Anyone interested in becoming a licensed humane investigator needs to be sponsored, pass a test and attend a meeting and training session. AER will sponsor people older than the age 21.

Volunteer investigators with AER go on calls in pairs. Wisniewski stressed that only people really interested in responding to calls should go through the process.

"Wearing the title of humane investigator means nothing. Being a working investigator means everything," she said.

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- **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays. Antioch VFW. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call (847) 395-5393 for more information.

- **Pinochle.** 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

- **A Safe Place support group meeting.** Mondays. For women who are dealing with abuse in their homes. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at (847) 249-4450 or (847) 249-6557 (TTY) or go to asafeplaceforhelp.org for more information.

- **CPR classes.** 6 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays. Squad Building, 835 Holbek Dr., sponsored by Antioch Rescue Squad. \$5 fee. Call (847) 395-5511 to learn more.

- **Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at (847) 395-7407 or Betty Muller at (847) 838-3907 for more information.

- **Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Bacchus Restaurant. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Call Melissa at (847) 489-8044 or e-mail at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for more information.

- **Irish-American Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., fourth Thursdays. State Bank of the Lakes. Call (847) 395-3942 for details.

- **Antioch Coin Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Mondays. Antioch Library, 757 Main St. Open to the public. Call JoAnne at (847) 395-4738 for more information.

- **Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at (847) 395-0272 to learn more.

- **Open gym.** 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

BEACH PARK

- **Zion Genealogical Society meeting.** 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 21. Beach Park Village Hall, lower level, Wadsworth Rd. Grace DuMelle will speak on Chicago and Cook County research. For more information, call Joanne Layne at (847) 360-0360.

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FOX LAKE

- **Casino Night.** 6:30 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Aug. 18. American Legion Hall, 703 N. Hwy. 12. Admission \$2. Proceeds support Veterans of Foreign Wars and community service programs. Food and drink will be available. For more information, call Dick Heard at (847) 587-5602.

- **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Thursdays. American Legion Auxiliary Post 703, 703 N. Rt. 12. Call (847) 587-2323 for information.

- **Bingo.** 7 p.m., Saturdays. Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department, 114 Washington St.

- **American Legion Post 703 meeting.** 7:45 p.m., fourth Wednesdays. Legion Hall, N. Rt. 12. Call (847) 587-2179 for information.

GURNEE

- **Network Lake County meeting.** 8-9 a.m., Thursdays. A business networking group meeting in Gurnee. Call Boyce Buckner at (847) 838-0058 to learn more.

- **Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meeting.** 7:30 a.m., first and third Fridays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N. Milwaukee Ave. Call (847) 249-3800 for information.

- **Exchange Club of Gurnee meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Saluto's Restaurant, 7680 Grand Ave.

- **Bingo.** 7 p.m., Saturdays. American Legion Hall, 749 Milwaukee Ave.

- **Gurnee Lions Club meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Wednesdays. Viking Park District building, Grand Ave. For more information, visit www.homestead.com/gurneelions.

- **Gagewood Lions Club meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Wednesdays. Warren Township Center, 17801 Washington St.

- **Gurnee Kiwanis Club meeting.** 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays. IHOP Restaurant, 5670 Northridge Dr. Call Cathy at (847) 263-4966 for details.

- **Gurnee Rotary Club meeting.** 7:30 a.m., Thursdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N. Milwaukee Ave.

- **Or Tikvah Sisterhood meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd. For more information, call (847) 856-1440.

- **Viking Park Singers rehearsals.** 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Viking Park Dance Hall. Interested singers are welcome.

AROUND TOWN

- **Lake County Mother of Twins and More Club meeting.** 6:30 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Joy Lutheran Church, 749 S. Hunt Club Rd. Call (866) 248-7670, ext. 1264 before attending.

- **Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group meeting.** 8:30 a.m., Saturdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. Call Chuck at (847) 362-5458 for details.

- **Lake County Philatelic Society meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd. Area stamp collectors are invited. For more information, call (847) 244-4048.

INGLESIDE

- **Fox Lake/Round Lake Area Rotary meeting.** Noon, Fridays at Za-Za's, 69 Washington.

- **Grant Hall Museum.** 1-4 p.m., Sundays. Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society, 411 Washington St. Admission free, donations accepted. For information, call (847) 587-0544 or mail P.O. Box 224, Ingleside IL 60041.

- **Lake County Astronomical Society meeting.** 8:30-10 p.m., third Fridays. Volo Bog State Natural Area. Meeting followed by a 9:30 p.m. viewing period. For information, call (815) 344-1294 or visit www.lcas-astronomy.org.

LAKE VILLA

- **Gator Girls 2nd Annual Benefit Run.** Sunday, Aug. 20. Registration: 9 a.m., first bike out: 10 a.m. Starting at Alligator Bob's, 39442 N. Rt. 59, ending at Jesse Oaks in Gages Lake. Benefiting the Weiss family, cost is \$20 per rider. For more information, visit www.gatorgirls.bravehost.com.

- **Weigh to Win meeting.** 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd. Call (847) 356-6181 to learn more.

- **Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Cathy at (847) 587-7710 or Debbie at (847) 687-5531 for details.

- **MOMS Club of Lake Villa/Lindenhurst meeting.** 9:30 a.m., Mondays. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 Grand Ave. Children welcome. For more information, call Erin Bearss at (847) 546-1545.

LIBERTYVILLE

- **Crafters wanted for Art, Craft and Gift Show.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14. Winchester House, 1125 N. Milwaukee. There is a \$25 fee, which includes a 60" round table and two chairs. The donation of one crafted item is required for a raffle. Applications due by Sept. 22. For more information or applications, call

Patty Schultz at (847) 377-7224.

- **4th Rally for Autism.** Saturday, Aug. 19. Independence Grove Forest Preserve, Rt. 137 just east of Rt. 21. 5K run, 5K family fun walk and a Kids' Goody Grab. To register for 5K race, go to www.signup.com/5358, call (847) 543-4502 or e-mail rally4autism@aol.com. Registration also available onsite raceday at 7 a.m. Race starts at 9 a.m.

- **Texas Hold'em Tournament.** 5-9 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 23. Mickey Finn's, 412 N. Milwaukee Ave. \$10 admission and \$20 buy-in. To benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information, call (847) 317-0025.

LINDENHURST

- **Open house and ice cream social.** 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 18. Congregation Am Echad, 2945 Falling Waters Blvd. For prospective members. For more information, call (847) 265-1818.

- **Free blood pressure screening.** 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. Victory Lakes Continued Care Center. Call (847) 356-5900 to learn more.

- **Men's Club of Lindenhurst (ages 21 and older) meeting.** Call (847) 356-5014 (weekends) to learn more.

McHENRY

- **Tourette Syndrome Assn. of Illinois support group meeting.** 7-8:30 p.m., third Fridays. Elm Street Place Office Complex, lower level meeting room, 5400 W. Elm St. For additional information, call (815) 675-0436.

MILLBURN

- **Lake County Doll Collectors meeting.** 1 p.m., third Saturdays. Millburn Congregational Church, Rt. 45 and Grass Lake Rd. Call (847) 623-2072 for details.

RICHMOND

- **Community Garage Sale.** Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27. A map will be available. Signups taken until Friday, Aug. 18. For more information or to sign up, call (815) 678-4040.

ROUND LAKE

- **Annual Corn & Brat Day.** 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26. Hart Hill, Hart Rd. The Round Lake Spartans Football and Cheerleading Organization will be dedicating the field to Ron Schmidt. For more information, call Brian Brubaker at (847) 736-4269.

- **Bingo.** 6:30 p.m. Saturdays. St. Joseph's, Lincoln Ave. Doors open at 3:45 p.m.

- **Knights of Columbus Bingo.** 3 p.m., Sundays. St. Joseph's Church,

114 N. Lincoln, Round Lake.

- **A Safe Place support group meeting.** Wednesdays. For women who are dealing with abuse in their homes. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at (847) 249-4450 or (847) 249-6557 (TTY) or go to asafeplaceforhelp.org for more information.

- **Big Brothers, Big Sisters meeting.** 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays.

- Calvary Presbyterian Church, 510 Cedar Lake Rd. Call (847) 360-0770 for information.

- **Round Lake Alano Club dances.** Fridays. Call (847) 223-9706 for location.

- **Saturday Night Drop-In.** 5-7 p.m. for middle schoolers; 7:30-9:30 p.m. for high schoolers. Round Lake Area Park District Teen Center. Call (847) 546-8558 to learn more.

ROUND LAKE BEACH

- **Lake County Community Health Partnership Immunization Clinic.** 4-6 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Condell Acute Care Center, 2 E. Rollins Rd. For more information, call (847) 377-8470.

ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS

- **Round Lake Area Community Band rehearsals.** 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. Indian Hill School, 1920 N. Lotus Dr. New musicians and all instruments are always welcome. Call Christi at (847) 546-8558, ext. 422 to learn more.

SPRING GROVE

- **Fox Lake School District 114 Board of Education meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Lotus School, 29067 W. Grass Lake Rd.

ZION

- **Potawatomi Trails Pow-wow.** 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 27. Shiloh Park. Admission is \$5, children 6-12 \$1, Elders over 65 and children under 6 free. Native dancing, music, trader booths and crafts. For more information, call Bill Brown at (847) 746-9086 after 6 p.m. or visit www.goflo.com/powwow.

WILMOT, WIS.

- **8th Annual Rummage Sale.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 25, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26. Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Hwy. C and B. For more information, call (262) 843-2476.

- **To submit an item to the Calendar, e-mail to wjcalendar@weeklyjournals.com, phone (847) 223-8161 or fax (847) 223-8810 at least 14 days before the event.**

NASCAR THIS WEEK

NEXTEL CUP SERIES

- Race: GFS Marketplace 400
- Where: Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn (2.0 miles), 200 laps/400 miles.
- When: Sunday, Aug. 20
- Last year's winner: Jeremy Mayfield
- Qualifying record: Ryan Newman, Dodge, 194.232 mph, June 18, 2005.
- Race record: Dale Jarrett, Ford, 173.997 mph, June 13, 1999.
- Last week: Until Kevin Harvick won at Watkins Glen International, the number of drivers who had won Cup road races during the past four years had declined to exactly three. Beginning with the 2003 season, the only drivers who had won road races — granted, there are only two of them a year — were Tony Stewart (3), Jeff Gordon (2) and Robby Gordon (2). The

door opened for Harvick when pole-winner Kurt Busch received a penalty for pitting too soon after a yellow flag waved on the 53rd lap. By the end, though, Busch's misfortunes were a fading memory. The story was the battle between Harvick and Stewart. "I knew my only shot to get him back (to retake the lead) was getting into (turn) one," said Harvick. "I knew I was only going to have a couple of chances, so I took my chance, it stuck, and I went on by." The pass actually began while the two were exiting the 2.45-mile course's 11th turn. Harvick edged past Stewart on the front straight and completed the pass entering turn one. He then pulled away. Jamie McMurray, in a Ford, won "best in class" among drivers not driving Chevrolets.

BUSCH-SERIES

- Race: Carfax 250
- Where: Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn (2.0 miles), 125 laps/250 miles.
- When: Saturday, Aug. 19
- Last year's winner: Ryan Newman
- Qualifying record: Kasey Kahne, Ford, 186.490 mph, Aug. 16, 2003.
- Race record (250 miles): Todd Bodine, Chevrolet, 162.749 mph, Aug. 19, 2000.
- Last week: Kurt Busch, in a Dodge, won at Watkins Glen, N.Y., holding off Robby Gordon in a Chevrolet.

GRAFTSMAN-TRUCK

- Race: O'Reilly Auto Parts 200 Presented by Valvoline
- Where: Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (.533 miles), 200 laps/106.6 miles.
- When: Wednesday, Aug. 23
- Last year's winner: Mike Skinner
- Qualifying record: Ken Schrader, Chevrolet, 126.922 mph, Aug. 25, 2004.
- Race record: Travis Kvapil, Chevrolet, 88.813 mph, Aug. 20, 2003.
- Last week: Johnny Benson, in a Toyota, won at Nashville Superspeedway in Glendale, Tenn.

MICHIGAN DATA

Michigan 400
June 18

GFS Marketplace 400
Aug. 20



Distance: 2 mile oval
Length of frontstretch: 3,600 ft.
Length of backstretch: 2,242 ft.
Miles/Laps: .400 mi. = 200 laps



WHAT'S UP NEXT

TOP 10 IN POINTS**NEXTEL CUP**

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Jimmie Johnson | 3,241 |
| 2. Matt Kenseth | -124 |
| 3. Kevin Harvick | -323 |
| 4. Jeff Burton | -362 |
| 5. Kyle Busch | -370 |
| 6. Mark Martin | -426 |
| 7. Tony Stewart | -447 |
| 8. Denny Hamlin | -459 |
| 9. Jeff Gordon | -485 |
| 10. Dale Earnhardt Jr. | -515 |

BUSCH SERIES

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|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Kevin Harvick | 3,778 |
| 2. Carl Edwards | -443 |
| 3. Denny Hamlin | -497 |
| 4. Clint Bowyer | -570 |
| 5. J.J. Yeley | -657 |
| 6. Greg Biffle | -943 |
| 7. Paul Menard | -968 |
| 8. Kyle Busch | -1,070 |
| 9. Johnny Sauter | -1,151 |
| 10. Kenny Wallace | -1,203 |

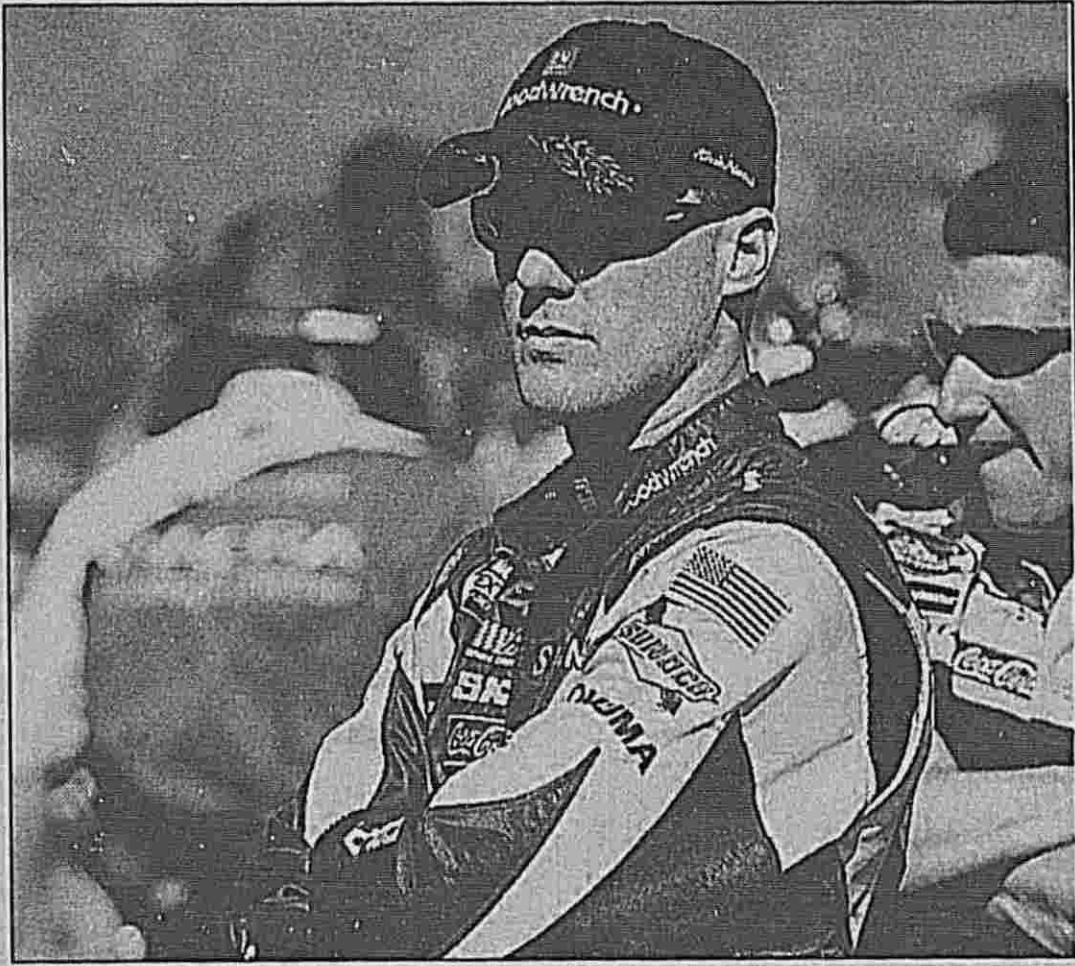
CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

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|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Todd Bodine | 2,454 |
| 2. Johnny Benson | -144 |
| 3. David Reutimann | -194 |
| 4. Ted Musgrave | -239 |
| 5. Rick Crawford | -255 |
| 6. Jack Sprague | -302 |
| 7. Terry Cook | -306 |
| 8. David Starr | -314 |
| 9. Ron Hornaday | -315 |
| 10. Dennis Setzer | -391 |

WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

► Who's hot — Matt Kenseth ranks second in the Nextel Cup points standings. After 22 races a year ago, he was 16th. ... Kevin Harvick has put together a string of six straight top-10 finishes.

► Who's not — Greg Biffle's Chase hopes have faded thanks to consecutive finishes of 33rd and 38th. ... A 22nd-place finish at Watkins Glen didn't help Kasey Kahne's odds of making the Chase.



Kevin Harvick has six straight top-10 finishes.

John Clark/NASCAR This Week

FEUD OF THE WEEK

**Joe Nemechek
vs. Jeff Green**

Nemechek blamed Green for a spin on lap 53. It brought out the caution flag that derailed Kurt Busch's victory bid. "The '66' (Green) got me in the inner loop," said Nemechek, who was running 16th at the time but wound up 42nd. "I don't know what his problem is, but he definitely has a problem. I was just the victim." The misfortunes continued when Nemechek and teammate Sterling Marlin were eliminated in another crash on lap 63. "It was just like what happens on the freeway when they have one of those 'accordion wrecks,'" noted Nemechek. "Everybody kept piling into each other."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton
gives his take: "No one has had worse luck this year than Nemechek, a four-time winner whose best finish this year is 13th."

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SOFTBALL

Burris shines in Holland

Warren alum, U.S. Junior Olympic team take 2nd

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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When 2000 Blue Devil graduate Jennifer Burris hung up her cleats at Lawrence University two years ago, most might have figured she had done enough.

After all, she had broken eight school records, was named Midwest Conference Player of the Year two times and had since begun her career at a Libertyville bank.

However, the pull of the diamond was just too strong for Burris to ignore as she was a member of the U.S. softball team for an eight-day tournament against teams from Sweden, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and three teams from host country Holland.

Burris helped her team to a second-place finish in the tournament after losing, 4-3, against the Netherlands Junior Olympic team in the championship. Looking back on it, Burris said she was happy she had the chance, but was originally reluctant to take part because of the \$3,200 fee that came with the tournament.

"I've been asked to play for teams like this for many years, but I never did it because I had a hard time asking for money," Burris said. "I kept in the game; my sisters both played in college, so I always went to their games and a lot of their practices in college. But I didn't play competitively. But the tournament was very helpful, and it was definitely a big step higher than college ball."

"I learned a lot about the

See SOFTBALL, page A21



Candace H. Johnson - cjohnson@nwnewsgroup.com

Ron Gilliland of Lakeville, Minn., competes in the Prostock 700 race as he travels up to 94 mph during the Winter Thunder Challenge in Wauconda.

WINTER THUNDER CHALLENGE

Snowball's chance

Winter Thunder Challenge kicks off snowmobile drag racing season with Can-Am event

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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Sure, it might have been 80 degrees in the middle of August, but that didn't stop more than 80 competitors from racing their snowmobiles at the Can-Am Shoot-Out Nationals in Wauconda.

This weekend's race was the first in the Central Ontario Snowmobile Drag Racing Association 2006 season and was the first event of the season hosted by the Winter Thunder Challenge Snocross organization's racetrack.

The two-day event brought more than 80 racers and 500 spectators from all over the U.S. and Canada to Wauconda this past weekend.

What was the draw for such an event? Well, it certainly wasn't the beautiful snow. It was speed.

All races were run on a special mud

course that allowed snowmobile spikes to get traction without the white stuff.

Much like motorcycles, snowmobiles benefit from power-to-weight ratios far exceeding cars. Top-level snowmobile drag racing sleds put up 300 horsepower — the output of a new Mustang GT, but with a sixth of the weight to pull.

Do the math, and it boils down to what Samuel L. Jackson said in "Jurassic Park": "Hold onto your butts!"

With sleds capable of reaching 110 mph in 500 feet and about 4.5 seconds, WTC Vice President Kelly Mills said the drag racing experience truly has no parallel in normal life.

"It's like being shot out of a gun and trying to hold onto the bullet," Mills said with a chuckle. "You have instant traction with 300 razor-sharp chiseled picks and they dig in and you just have to hold on for dear life."

What may sound like a one-way ticket to the afterlife for some actually is incredibly safe in sanctioned races such as the Winter Thunder Challenge events. During last weekend's drag racing tournament, no one crashed and no one was hurt.

"Safety is definitely one thing that we always promote," Mills said. "We want to see people racing on the track and not on the trails. When you race here, you have to have helmets, protective body armor, boots, and it's in a controlled environment with EMTs on-site."

"If you do that out on a trail and wrap yourself around a tree, you might be caught out there for hours without any help. But here, you can see what your sled can do in a safe, controlled environment."

Wauconda's event may not have brought in as many racers as expected, but the ones who were there brought out the big guns.

In Sunday's Heavy Mod 1000 competition, Ian Hamilton notched a 4.53-second

See SNOWMOBILE, page A21

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Howard named new CLC hoops coach

Former Milwaukee Area Technical College assistant set to take reigns of successful Lancer program

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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After guiding the College of Lake County Lancers to their best finish in school history, it seemed like a logical time for CLC coach Shawn Chism to move on to bigger and better things.

While Chism went on to coach his own semi-professional basketball squad, the Lancers were left to find a worthy successor to carry the program on into the future.

Enter Raphael Howard.

Howard comes into CLC's head coaching position after serving as an assistant coach with the Milwaukee Area Technical College Stormers. Prior to his post with the Stormers, he also coached at NCAA Division II school Miles College in Birmingham, Ala., in addition to working several other posts in junior college programs.

CLC Athletic Director Chad Good said Lancer officials became interested in Howard because of existing ties he has with the area. At his previous post, Howard worked with area players such as former Zion-Benton guard Mike Winters.

"A couple of things made him very attractive to us," Good said. "No. 1, he's coming from Milwaukee Area Technical College, so he was probably recruiting a lot of the same guys we were, so he has some familiarity with the area, and has ties with a lot of high school coaches around here."

"The second thing that made him a good choice is he has the same kind of philosophy about student-athletes that CLC does, where you stress academics and try to push the guys on to four-year schools."

Howard's ties to the area do not end with his coaching stops. He also played

college ball with Barat College in Lake Forest.

Since his graduation, Howard has been an assistant coach for more than a decade. The CLC post will be his first head coaching job since he began his coaching career.

"He's hungry and he's eager," Good said. "He's always been an assistant coach for a long time and I always believe that people deserve to get that first chance and because of that, he's hungry to prove himself with us."

Despite finishing third in the National Junior College Athletic Association last season with Chism at the helm, Good is not making the NJCAA tournament a priority for the new coach.

"That's hard to repeat. In 30 years with the basketball program, we never got to that level until last year," Good said. "But Coach Chism proved that it can be done."

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I always believe that people deserve to get that first chance, and because of that, [Raphael Howard is] hungry to prove himself with us.

Chad Good

CLC Athletic Director on new basketball coach

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"While we're not going to make it an ultimatum to make the tournament every year, it can be done. But there's so many variables involved at the junior college level."

Howard's main concern entering the position will be recruiting. Because of the two-month search process, the Lancers lost out on valuable recruiting time. However, CLC will be returning eight players from last season's record-breaking squad.

Howard could not be reached for comment before press time.

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• Views

Injury prone 'Tin Man' reaches for brass ring

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS — When it comes to the top horse in their stable, Aury and Ralph Todd always have shown an extraordinary amount of patience.

Why, just naming him took longer than it should have. Eight years ago, the Todds kept submitting names to the Jockey Club for their new colt, a son of Triple Crown winner Affirmed.

Each time, the name was returned because another horse already owned it. So one day, Ralph Todd saw footage from "The Wizard of Oz" and sarcastically suggested the name The Tin Man.

It surely would be rejected.

The Todds sent it in anyway.

"It was more of a frustration thing," Ralph Todd remembered. "[But] I turned it in and by golly they took it."

Nothing has come easy for The Tin Man since. That is, until Saturday, when the 8-year-old gelding cruised to a wire-to-wire victory in a slow-paced Arlington Million.

In doing so, The Tin Man became the second-oldest winner in Million history, finishing only behind the legendary John Henry, who won his second Million at age 9 in 1984.

He also provided a rare positive headline to Arlington Park, which has battled the stigma of having 18 horses euthanized after breakdowns in races this season.

"He's been around a long time,"

trainer Richard Mandella said of The Tin Man. "He's a pretty cool guy."

For their part, so are Mandella and the Todds. In a business where Triple Crown stakes and purse-hungry owners sometimes rush horses into dangerous situations, those who care for The Tin Man show that patience can make perfect.

As a 2-year-old, The Tin Man went unraced, the victim of two tendons that partially tore and became bowed. The injury is a potential career ender.

But the rest allowed the horse to become a stakes winner by the age of 4, winning two Grade I races at Santa Anita and Hollywood Park.

At the age of 5, The Tin Man won a Grade II race at Santa Anita and was entered in his first Arlington Million, finishing sixth after weakening late.

The next season he wrenched the ankle on his front right leg. With breeding out of the question, the only course for The Tin Man was rest.

And lots of it.

On Mandella's recommendation, the Todds allowed The Tin Man to miss almost all of 2005 while recuperating.

"I don't know how many times the

veterinarian says give him three months and [Mandella] says 'How about five?'" said Ralph Todd, a businessman who lives in California. "I say that's fine, whatever you want."

"[That approach has] really, really worked well for us with a variety of horses. If they're not going to heal up when you give them an excessive amount of time, they're sure not going to heal up when you run them in there shorter."

As The Tin Man recovered, Mandella recognized that his charge healed differently from most horses.

"He's had some injuries that would have stopped most horses along the way," Mandella said. "His body must have a great ability to heal himself, because he's overcome all his problems, and now he's the soundest horse in the barn."

The Tin Man returned in 2005 with an allowance victory at the Santa Anita turf course. He won another Grade II race in January, finished second in a Grade I race in the United Arab Emirates in March and then won a Grade II race at Hollywood Park at the beginning of July.

That triumph led into Saturday's 1 1/4-mile turf race, where The Tin Man went off at 5-1, bursting quickly from the gate and establishing an early presence along the rail.

Allowed to set a slow pace, The Tin Man and jockey Victor Espinoza

reached the first pole in a creeping time of 24.75 seconds. The second pole came in 50.37, giving Espinoza the idea that his horse had not overextended himself and had more than enough left for a win.

From there it was easy. While second-place Cacique made a half-hearted bid on the final turn, The Tin Man wasn't going to be denied by the younger field.

"On the first turn, I knew the pace was slow," said Espinoza, who rode War Emblem to victory in the 2002 Kentucky Derby. "Then, turning for home when no one was coming to me, I knew we were going to win the race."

Luckily for the Todds, their horse had no problem crossing the finish line. In 2002, The Tin Man raced in the Breeder's Cup turf race at Arlington and was spooked in training by a light near the finish line.

"He crawled under the finish line [in the race]," Mandella remembered.

But that wasn't the case Saturday, which turned out to be a day that reminded the racing community that younger isn't necessarily faster.

"Just wait until he's 10," Mandella joked.

No doubt the Todds will do just that.

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• Hometown Sports

Lake Villa U-14 caps off best season in team history

This year's Lake Villa U-14 team has just finished a season no one will ever forget.

Lake Villa won two championships during the season, posting a 12-2 record.

Lake Villa U-14 started its season winning the Eddie Mayfield Memorial Red, White & Blue tournament hosted by the Lake Villa Township baseball organization in July.

They lost their first game to Wasco, but refused to give up, going on to beat Gagewood, Grayslake and Lake Zurich in the semi-finals. In the championship game, they avenged their loss, taking the title against Wasco.

The following week's Grayslake Tournament brought more of the same as Lake Villa took first, beating McHenry, Grayslake and Richmond along the way.

In the championship game, Lake Villa beat the McHenry team 16-2 to win its second championship in a row.

To finish the season, Lake Villa took third out of a field of 12 very competitive teams in the Lake Zurich tournament.

Lake Villa beat out Lake Zurich, Wonder Lake and Grayslake to take third after losing 4-3 in a consolation game against River Grove.

Lake Villa U-14 won on the mound, thanks to impressive pitching by Tyler Callese, Brian

Goebelt, Dan Cole, Tyler Menheer and Colin Smyth.

Riley Bryant backed up the pitchers with the most hits while Sean Humphrey had the best on-base percentage. Thomas Newby hit an out-of-the ballpark home run during the Lake Zurich tournament.

This year's U-14 traveling all-star team consisted of Thomas Newby, Tyler Callese, Zach Kravitz, Sean Brennen, Colin Smyth, Joe Walsh, Riley Bryant, Sean Humphrey, Max Aigner, Brian Goebelt, Tyler Menheer and Dan Cole.

The team was managed by Tom Newby and coached by Keith Goebelt, Vince Walsh, Scott Cole and Bill Sutton.



This year's Lake Villa 14U traveling all-star team are the first post-season traveling all-star team to ever win two championships and one third-place finish in a single season, ending their season with a 12-2 record. The team consisted of Thomas Newby, Tyler Callese, Zach Kravitz, Sean Brennen, Colin Smyth, Joe Walsh, Riley Bryant, Sean Humphrey, Max Aigner, Brian Goebelt, Tyler Menheer and Dan Cole. The team was managed by Tom Newby and coached by Keith Goebelt, Vince Walsh, Scott Cole and Bill Sutton.

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• On the Sidelines

Struggling to provide a Segway

I might have a hard time working this into a local sports angle, but I have to try.

By day, I write for this fine publication, but by night, I am a complete and total geek obsessed with two things: gadgets and cars.

Well, what's the perfect synergy between geeky gadgetry and automobiles, you ask? It's the Segway.

Yes, those ridiculous little scooters that resemble backward hand trucks that George W. Bush made famous

with an impromptu tumble have finally come back, redesigned and ready for action.

One of the major complaints with the scooters is its ability to turn on a dime while going full speed – a maneuver that flung riders such as our president off like a bull in a rodeo.

With the old model, you'd have to have the hand control of a championship golfer, like say, former Carmel links star **Kate White**, to control such a death machine with any level of true safety.

White certainly upheld her ranking as one of the area's best as she took third in the senior girls division of the Illinois Junior Golf Association Girls Tournament of Champions last week.

Thanks to the redesign, a oversized buffoon like myself actually could control one of those machines without the fine touch of a premier prep golfer like the University of Nebraska freshman White.

How was that for a topic change?

If I would have tried that sort of turn going full speed on a Segway, I would have probably lost a few teeth!

White's ride to the top of



**Daniel J.
Patrick**

the area golfer ranks has been explosive, as she has only been playing competitively for about as long as she's been in high school. But with young female golfers such as Michelle Wie and 14-year-old U.S. Women's Amateur Champion

Kimberly Kim (Boy, and I thought my two first names were painful!), White is one of the many faces making up an explosion of talent in women's golf.

Hopefully, White will one day be at the forefront of this explosion.

If so, I might just get her a Segway.

Lake Forest resident **Suzanne Riccardi** won the Ladies Deerfield Golf Club Championship. What makes Riccardi's win more impressive is the monopoly she has held on the tournament. She has won it for three years in a row.

This year's win was especially notable. Her 149 score – good for a 6-stroke margin of victory in the women's division – was two strokes better than the men's club champion.

A number of area coaches will soon be inducted into the Lake County High Schools Sports Hall of Fame at Wadsworth's Midlane Country Club on Aug. 31.

Among the inductees are former Antioch athletic director **Ward Lear**, former Libertyville girls basketball coach **Tom Murphy** and former Warren football coach **Mike Kunkle**.

Kunkle earned his induction by amassing a 107-33 record in 15 years at the helm of the Blue Devil football program, while Murphy finished 392-115 in 18 years with the Wildcats, including two appearances in the IHSA state championship quarterfinals.

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Kids on their snowmobiles line up, some holding their medals, following drag races at Wauconda Gold Farm.

Can-Am Shoot-Out Nationals debuts in Wauconda

• SNOWMOBILE

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time at 109 mph while fellow racer Tom Brennan managed 4.7 seconds at 107.78 mph in the Pro 1000 ranks. For a race that's only going on for about a tenth of a mile, that's pretty fast, indeed.

The Can-Am Shoot-Out Nationals was just the first in a long line of snowmobile racing events to be held in Wauconda this year. Mills said the WTC grounds could host another drag racing event if any other venue should cancel in

the 2006 season.

As for now, organizers are happy with the way the WTC not only kicked off the Can-Am Shoot-Out, but also began its own snocross season.

"I think we had an overwhelming success this past weekend," Mills said. "I feel we made a very positive impression on both the racers and the spectators. And to take it from concept to execution in just six months was just amazing."

For more information about snowmobile racing or Wauconda's Winter Thunder Challenge Snocross organization, visit its Web site at www.winterthundersnowcross.com.

Burris garners 2nd with U.S. Junior Olympic team

• SOFTBALL

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game of softball."

Burris may have learned a lot, but people who knew her from her Warren days said she was plenty good to begin with. Blue Devil Athletic Director Mark Pos worked with Burris as an athletic trainer and remembers her as a player who was willing to put it all out on the field.

"She was an outstanding softball player for us; she played the game as hard as anyone else who ever played here at Warren," Pos said. "They used to call her 'Pigpen' because after every game, she was dirty because she had no problem getting in the dirt to make the play."

Current Blue Devils coach Carri Nichols was a 2001 Warren graduate and played with Burris on both the varsity squad and in travel softball competition. Nichols backed up Pos' dirt-first recollection of Burris' style of play.

"She dove for every single ball that came close

to her," Nichols said. "She was a great, devoted softball player."

Nichols also was pleased that a former teammate was able to represent the Lake County area despite a relative lack of competitive leagues at the time.

"During that time period, there wasn't a lot of support for top-level softball players," Nichols said. "It's nice to know there were girls like [Burris] who went on and played at such a high level in college and on after that."

While the softball experience was unforgettable for Burris, she said she will remember more from beyond the field.

"I had never been to Europe before, so it was cool to see all of the architecture in Holland," Burris said. "It was fun to see how a lot of the buildings over there were older than our country."

"I would say softball was a means for us to meet with other teams, and see how they do things because they do things a lot differently. It was a good way to meet other people in other countries through the same interest – softball."

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Experts say traffic accidents can be among the most stressful events a person can experience. Fortunately, a new program has been created to help drivers deal with that stress more effectively.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), there were over 6 million traffic accidents reported to police in 2004. That breaks down to more than 11 accidents per minute; by the time you finish reading this article, over 30 auto accidents will have taken place, and that doesn't include the minor fender benders that go unreported.

Whether it's due to Mother Nature, mechanical failure or the guy behind you trying to balance a cell phone conversation with a cup of coffee, the unfortunate reality is that it's easy to become one of these statistics at some

point in your daily commute.

If that collision does happen, many insurance companies offer some kind of roadside assistance plan to customers, often as part of a special package or a stand-alone service for an additional charge.

However, recent reports have shown that using these insurer-based services may ultimately lead to higher insurance premiums. Those same reports also bring to light the often-overlooked manufacturer-based roadside assistance programs and the many benefits they can offer motorists. Aside from having no effect on insurance premiums, they can offer better towing options, a wider range of services and are almost always included for the duration of the vehicle's warranty, as is the case with the plan offered by

Ford Motor Company.

"We like to think of our Roadside Assistance Program as a paramedic for your car," said Ford Customer Service Division's George Gilbert.

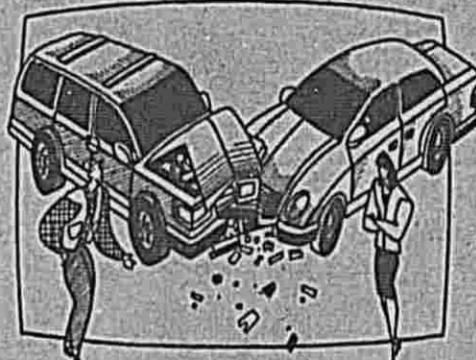
The program is available on every new vehicle the company offers, be it a lease or purchase. It comes at no additional cost, it's valid for the duration of the vehicle's standard warranty and it offers drivers a variety of services that aren't just limited to warranty issues.

"Many people think a manufacturer roadside program is just to assist them if their car breaks down, but we're here to help our customers in just about every situation imaginable," said Gilbert.

For example, towing services to dealerships up to 35 miles away can be obtained for any purpose, including accidents. In

the event of an accident, the program offers motorists the convenience of a single call to help manage the mayhem, from police dispatching (if necessary) to towing services, emergency services and even repair arrangements. The plan can also assist drivers in more benign situations, such as a flat tire or keys locked in a vehicle. If you run out of fuel or need a jump start, customer service representatives can coordinate with local services to get you back on the road with minimal delay.

Manufacturer roadside programs such as the one found at Ford Motor Company offer convenience, confidence and reliability to customers in one comprehensive package, all while offering a cost savings over many insurer-provided assistance programs.



Using a factory-based roadside program can help get your car to the people who know it best, and by insisting on genuine original equipment manufacturer parts for your repair, you will help ensure your vehicle is returned to its former glory. When that unexpected collision occurs, take a moment and reach for the companion that came with your car; it's the onboard "paramedic" that's ready to take care of you in your time of need.



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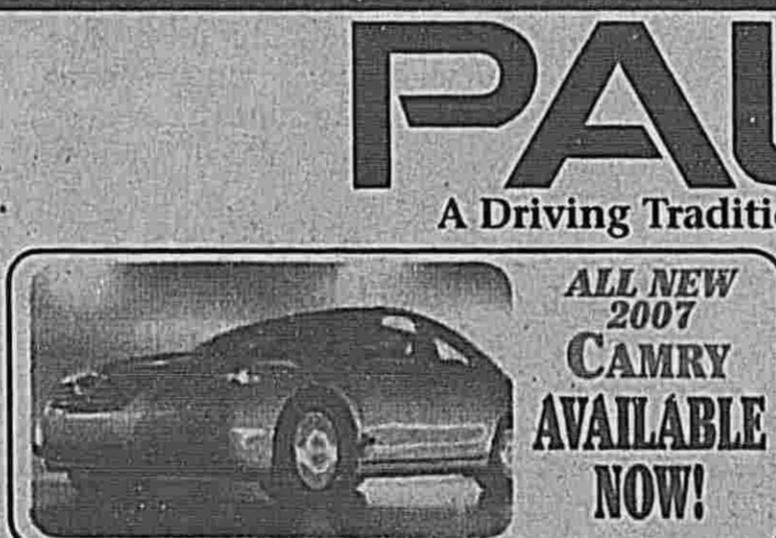


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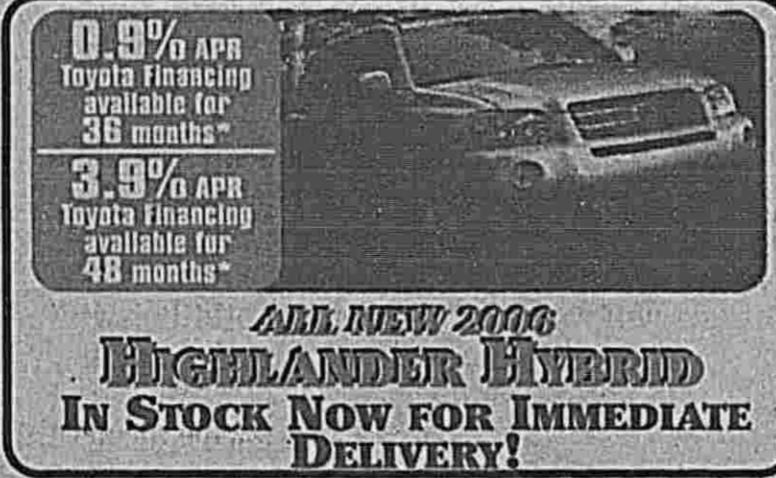
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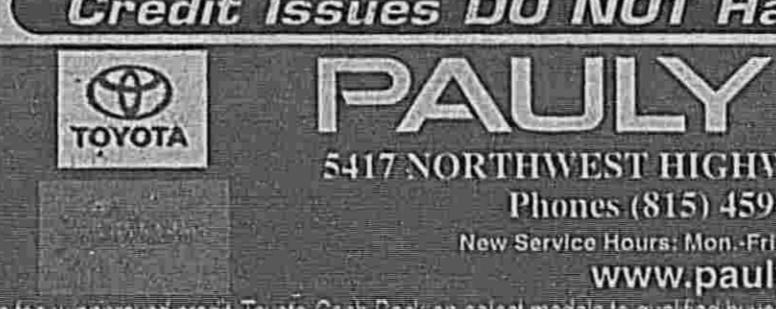
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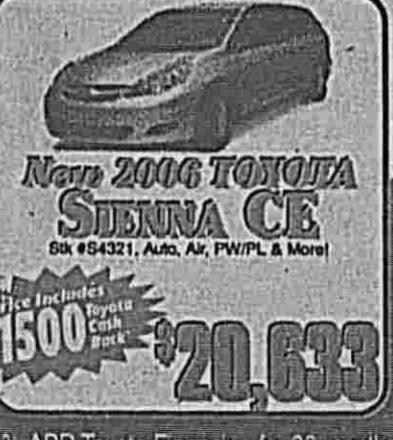
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• Purchasing used vehicles

Protect yourself from buying a 'lemon'

If you have ever purchased a used vehicle, you likely took it to an automotive mechanic to have it checked out after you've bought it. That's a great idea that can save you from "buyer's remorse." But there's actually one other step that you may want to consider.

Many auto body or collision repair facilities offer a "pre-purchase" check of used vehicles. This service, for which there may be a fee, can help determine if there is unrepainted or poorly repaired previous damage that could impact the vehicle's value, safety, or performance.

A qualified, well-trained collision repair facility can restore both the look and performance of even a badly damaged vehicle. In addition, well-trained collision repair facilities will be able to determine if a vehicle that may seem shiny and new to the consumer is really hiding substandard or unsafe repairs. In some cases, a used vehicle that looks like a great bargain is actually a "rebuilt" vehicle that had been declared a total loss. It may have had a previous collision or have been water damaged in a flooded area. A vehicle that has been severely damaged or totaled can be repaired properly, but improper repairs may not fully meet safety standards.

Having the vehicle in question inspected by a properly trained collision repair business can help you avoid "surprises" after the sale. Surprises can include paint that begins to peel, electrical problems, wheels that cannot be aligned, a trunk or window seal that leaks — or worse yet, damaged safety features such as structural damage or an airbag system that hasn't been restored to work properly.

What to look for

While the collision repair facility can thoroughly inspect a vehicle, there are a number of things consumers can do when researching a used vehicle:

- Check for a musty smell — an indication of water leak

problems or flood damage — inside the vehicle and in the trunk.

- Make sure that your test drive includes a stretch of flat, straight highway. If the vehicle "pulls" or if the steering feels "sloppy," there could be suspension damage that has not been properly repaired. Uneven tire wear may also indicate suspension problems.

- Look at the vehicle paint from different angles, and in a variety of lighting situations, when the vehicle is clean and dry. Compare the color match between panels. Run your hand along the door jambs and the hood and trunk jambs. If they feel rough or look dull rather than shiny, the vehicle may have been refinished poorly or without these areas properly masked. An improper paint job is not dangerous, but it may result in paint peeling problems later on or be covering poor quality repair work.

- Ask about the vehicle history. Whenever possible, check with previous owners to find out if it was ever involved in a major collision or totaled for any reason. Vehicle histories are also available to the potential buyer from several information providers. If the vehicle has suffered significant damage, have a trained collision repair facility inspect the quality of the repairs.

- Look for fluid leaks on the underside of the vehicle, on the engine or transmission, or on the ground beneath the vehicle.

- Look thoroughly for signs of corrosion (or rust) on all areas of the vehicle.

Just as you spend time choosing the right vehicle to purchase, it's a good idea to spend time choosing the right collision repair business — whether you need a repair facility to check out a used vehicle you're considering for purchase, or you need collision repair work done. Insurers and collision repair business owners alike say the key to selecting the right collision repair business is to look for evidence of properly trained technicians.

Quick easy steps for changing your motor oil

Changing the oil in your car is one of the easiest steps you can take to maintain your car's performance. It is recommended that you change the oil every 3 months or every 3,000 miles.

While it is easy to drop off your car at a neighborhood service station to get an oil change, those visits can add up to lots of money over time. It's relatively easy and inexpensive to change your oil yourself. Here are some steps to follow:

Preparation

- Purchase or gather the necessary supplies to change your oil. You'll need a case of motor oil and a new oil filter (consult with an auto supply shop or your owner's manual as to what grade of oil and type of filter is right for your vehicle); a socket set; adjustable oil filter wrench; jack and jack stands; funnel; and an oil drain pan.

- Run the car for about 10 minutes, as oil will drain easier when warm rather than cold.

- Park the car on a level surface. Make sure the parking (emergency) brake is engaged, and turn off the engine. If your car has a low clearance, raise it by driving it onto a ramp or by jacking it up and supporting it securely. Note: Never work under your car with it secured only on a jack. Two jack stands are a necessary safety precaution if one jack gives out. Purchase stands at an auto supply store for around \$20.

- Open the hood and place the new filter and funnel on top of the engine. This act will remind you to add the new oil after you drain the old. Some do-it-yourselfers inadvertently forget to add new oil — a costly mistake for the engine.

Draining the oil

1. Crawl under the car only if it is securely supported.

2. Locate the oil drain plug on the underside of the engine, usually near the front center of the car. Consult your owner's manual for the exact location.



3. Place the oil drain pan under the plug and loosen the plug with a socket wrench. A few turns counter-clockwise should loosen the bolt.

4. Remove the plug and gasket by hand. Get ready to move your hand fast because hot oil is about to escape.

5. Let the oil drain into the pan. Hold onto the plug and gasket.

6. Wipe off the drain plug and the plug opening when the oil finishes draining.

7. Replace the drain plug gasket.

8. Reinstall the plug. Start tightening the bolt by hand and finish with a wrench or socket. Be careful not to overtighten or you may strip the plug.

Changing the oil filter

Your next step is to change the oil filter on your car.

1. Locate the existing oil filter. It is usually on the side of the engine (consult with the manual if you're not sure).

2. Position the oil drain pan under the oil filter to catch any oil that may have accumulated in the filter.

3. Loosen the oil filter with the adjustable oil filter wrench.

4. Use a rag to wipe the area where the filter mounts to the engine. Make sure the rubber seal of the old filter is not stuck to the engine.

5. Use some new oil to lightly coat the rubber seal of the new filter.

6. Screw the new filter into place by hand. It's usually unnecessary to tighten the oil filter with the oil filter wrench,

but have it ready if your grip is not strong (or large) enough.

Adding new oil

Your final steps are done from atop the engine under the hood of your car. Therefore, you can remove the oil drip pan and slide out from under your car.

1. Locate the oil filler cap under the hood and remove it.

2. Place your funnel in the opening and add 4 to 5 quarts of new oil. Check your operator's manual for the correct amount.

3. Replace the cap.

4. Run your engine for a few minutes to get the oil circulating.

5. Shut off the engine and then check the oil dipstick, located near the oil fill cap, to see if the oil level is correct. Add more oil if necessary.

6. Once again, slide under your car and check the area around the oil drain plug and the filter for oil leaks. Tighten the plug or oil filter if you find leakage.

7. Wipe away any excess oil from your car with a rag.

8. Pour the used oil from the oil drain pan into a plastic container after it has cooled and can be handled.

9. Bring the used oil to a recycling center or to an auto supply shop that does recycling. Never toss used oil down the sewer or a drain.

10. Record the date and mileage of the car on a sticker and secure it to your windshield or inside your owner's manual. That way, you'll know when it's time for another oil change.

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• This Weekend

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Step back in time

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Meet the band

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A maze of maize



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An aerial view of the Richardson Corn Maze in Spring Grove. This year, the maze, which will be open through Oct. 31, celebrates the Chicago White Sox World Series win, with a nod to the Chicago Cubs. Each year, a new theme is chosen for the maze. See page C2 for the story.

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Experience an a-maze-ing plane ride

Weekly Journals reporter takes flight at Spring Grove farm

By DANI SCHWEIGERT
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Being a gymnast for 14 years, I've become pretty good at dealing with nerves. After having a judge watch my every move for flaws, an audience staring at me and my teammates counting on me to perform under pressure, I figured I was ready to take on any kind of stress in any situation. I was wrong.

When I was first invited to take a plane ride over the Richardson Farm in Spring Grove, I was ecstatic. I've traveled on commercial airplanes my whole life, and I've never been apprehensive about flying. But when co-owner of the Richardson Farm George Richardson told me we would be flying in a small Cessna-132, all I could think of was how those 14 years of pressure-packed competitions did nothing to prepare me for this, and the words of my mother suddenly flashed in my head: "Never, ever fly in a small plane! They're not safe!"

But I was ready and willing for an adventure, so I headed out to the farm with Weekly Journals Photo Editor Sandy Bressner for our flight over the Richardson Farm Corn Maze. When we first arrived at the farm, Richardson was unloading a trunk full of pigs for an upcoming party and wedding. Growing up in the Chicago suburbs, I quickly realized I was far from the city.

"I'll be right with you," Richardson said with a warm smile.

Dressed in jeans shorts and a T-shirt, the laid-back nature of Richardson's personality shone through.

After the pigs were in place, we headed across the field to the plane. As Richardson made some last minute adjustments and routine checks, he shared stories of his daughter and son.

"My son, Ryan, is working in Florida right now. He's making his first million, and then he's going to come back here and lose it," he said with a laugh.

As I walked around the plane and watched Richardson change the oil, I felt the old familiar feeling of panic, and a tingle of fear raced up my spine. "Do you like roller coasters?" Richardson asked, reading the anxiety on my face.

"Yeah," I answered, a little nervous about the metaphor.

"This plane is just like a roller coaster. It's like a car going up and down a hilly, bumpy road," he said.

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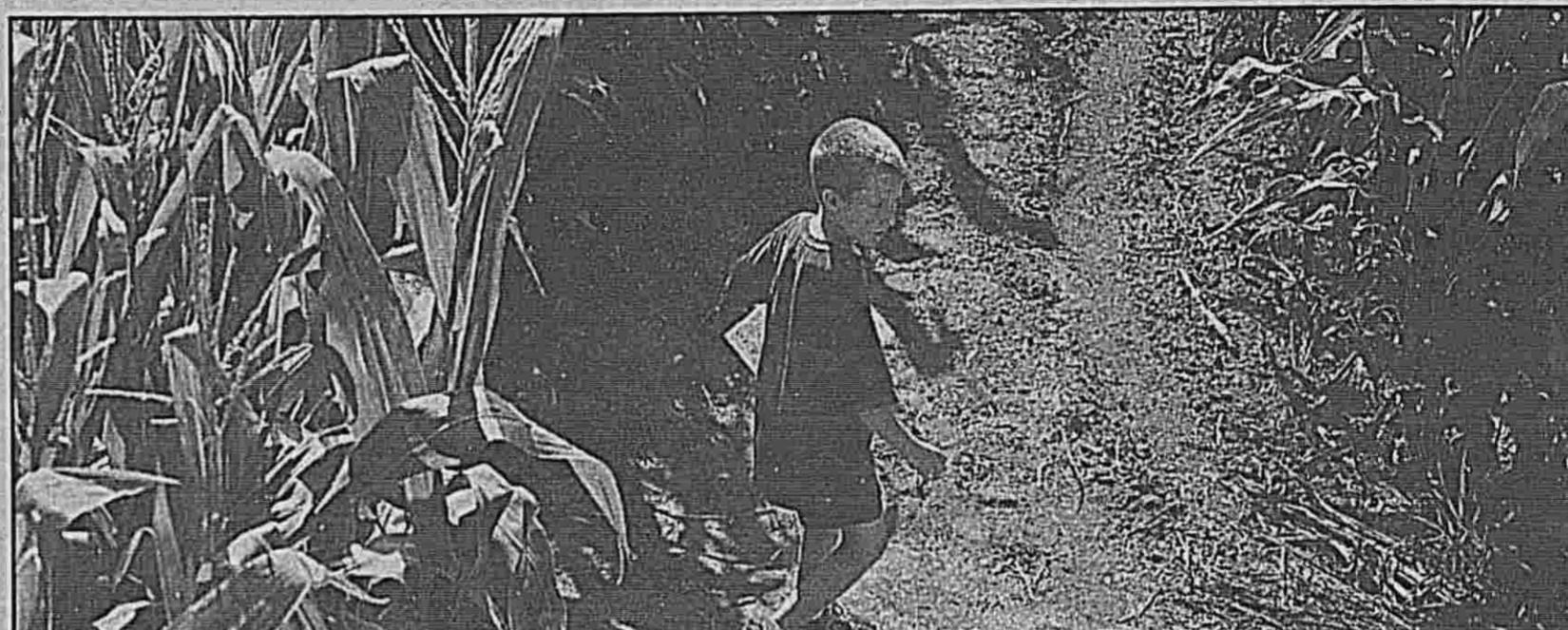
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Zach Schell, of Bollingbrook, tries to find his way through the Richardson Corn Maze in Spring Grove.

Want to go?

For more information on the Richardson Farm, call (815) 529-2062, or visit RichardsonFarm.com. The farm is located at 9407 Richardson Road in Spring Grove.

"Don't worry; I've only had two people get sick in the air."

Great. Just what I wanted to hear as we stepped onboard.

Like every good pilot, Richardson made sure we were safely buckled in and handed us headphones so we could talk to one another in the air.

"Better make sure my brother's dog isn't outside," Richardson said with a smile.

I sat squirming in the yellow and beige seats of the plane, looking around anxiously.

"Ready?" Richardson asked.

"Ready," I said, my heart racing.

The engine revved, and we were ready for takeoff. As the wheels left the ground at 80 mph, it was like that feeling you got when you swung too high on the swings as a little kid and your stomach jumped to your throat.

We were 25,000 feet above sea level when I glanced out the window. It was amazing. Everything looked like little puzzle pieces, with fake grass and monopoly-sized homes. We flew over the 320 acres of the Richardson Farm and looked down at the corn maze. It was unbelievable. Every year the Richardson's

come up with a new theme, and this year's theme is baseball, so the mazes include a Sox, a Cubs, an Ivy and a Glove maze. From the air, the word "Sox" and a baseball player swinging a bat jumped out against the green corn, and we could see a family holding a blue and white umbrella winding their way through one of the mazes.

"We have a man from Idaho who can make really intricate, complicated designs and lay them out perfectly," Richardson said about the mazes. "We make a picture of what we want it to look like, and he takes the picture and makes it into a maze. Then he uses a GPS System and a computer to make the designs, so he doesn't even look where he's going. He just stares at the computer screen."

As we passed over Wilmot Mountain, Richardson turned to face us, his soft blue eyes twinkling with the excitement of a little kid on Christmas morning.

"My father used to work at that mountain," he said. "I learned to ski there."

With the smell of fresh air all around us, and the soft lull of the engine, I couldn't help but smile. I finally understood how so many have fallen in love with the sky.

After a near-flawless landing, we were back on solid ground, and Sandy and I decided to check out the corn maze by foot. But as we made our way to the entrance, I noticed a long blue slide resting on a mound of dirt.

Richardson's wife, Nancy, told us the slide is a favorite with kids and adults. That was it. I had to try it for myself. So I grabbed a burlap sack, headed up the wooden steps on the mound of dirt and sat at the top of the slide. After taking a deep breath, I shot down a dark tunnel at a speed that was thrilling, yet safe for children, and landed gently on the ground.

When I stepped off the slide, I spotted the family we had seen from the air holding a blue and white umbrella and asked them how they liked the maze.

"It's pretty hard," Lydia Burns, of Algonquin, said. "We went through the Cubs maze, and now we're going to go through the Glove maze next."

"The fun part is finding your way and getting the stamps," Lydia's little sister, Emily, said.

Lydia and Emily were enjoying their first trip to the Richardson Farm, and their mother, Annette, said they had a wonderful time.

"I'm definitely going to tell my friends about this place and come back," she said. "It's a great way to spend time with family and friends."

I couldn't agree more.

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Fine cast, direction keep 'Ten Little Indians' on track

1939 classic play comes to life at Drury Lane stage

By TOM WITOM
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Agatha Christie's 1939 murder story, "Ten Little Indians, and Then There Were None," is something of a theatrical chestnut: durable and reliable.

Since its stage debut in London in 1943, the play has had a terrific run, including transformation into a Broadway hit and nine film adaptations.

Now the classic mystery comedy has taken to the Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace stage, where, under the direction of Michael Halberstam, it continues to provide a reliable dose of escapist entertainment.

The now-well-worn plot finds 10 strangers invited by an unknown host to spend the

"Ten Little Indians"

Where: Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
When: Through Sept. 24
Genre: Murder mystery/comedy
Author: Agatha Christie
Tickets: \$22 to \$45.25
For more information: Call (630) 530-0111

weekend on a remote, windswept island off the English coast.

Their implication, if not downright culpability, in the deaths of certain people quickly comes to light.

After the first couple guests die, tension mounts as the survivors realize they are trapped and also marked for death by an unknown killer, who is using a children's nursery rhyme, "Ten Little Indians," as a script.

Halberstam's fine cast perfectly captures the escalating suspicion as the body count

rises.

Identities are called into question, and fragile alliances form and dissolve from one scene to the next. The stalker's identity remains a matter of conjecture until the very end, and even then, surprises come to light.

There's fine teamwork by Don Brearley, Craig Spidle, Carey Cannon, Tim Gregory, Deanna Dunnagan, Larry McCauley, Franette Liebow, Mark Ulrich, David Roby, John Sanders and Joe Van Slyke.

Their characters include a former governess, a retired judge and an adventurer used to getting out of "tight spots."

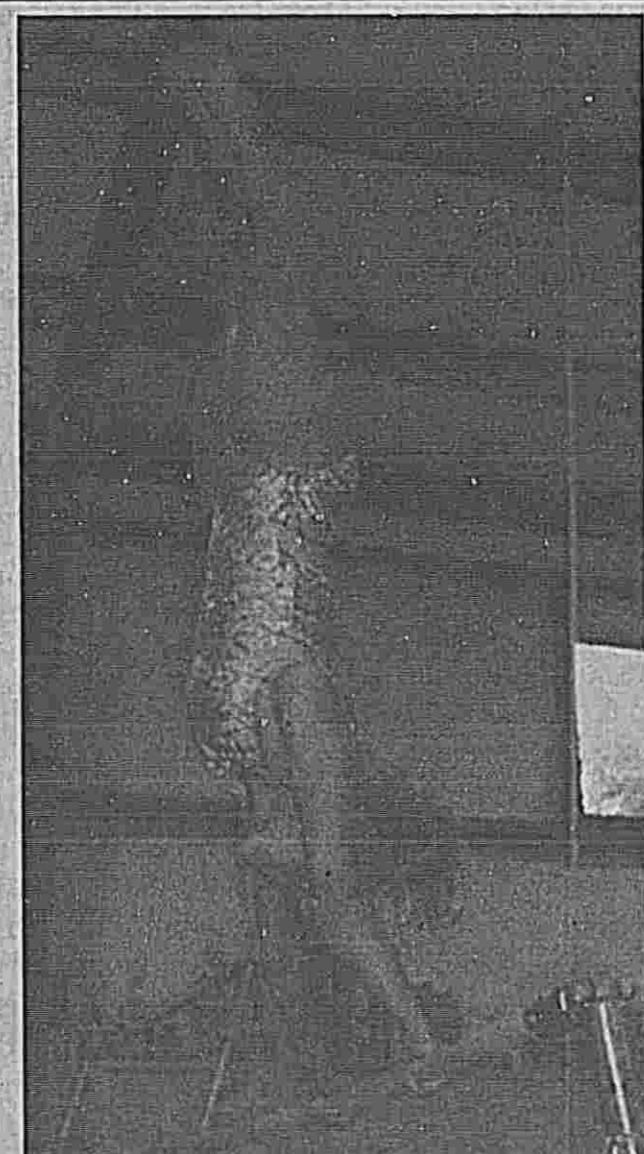
The cast is complemented by Brian Bembridge's suitably dark set, Bob Christen's moody lighting and Rick Simms' effective sound design.

Unlike so many of the adaptations that followed the original, this "Ten Little Indians" follows Christie's format, and the "whodunit" aspect of the play is the better for it.



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Larry McCauley (standing), Tim Gregory and Carey Cannon rehearse a scene from "Ten Little Indians, And Then There Were None" at Drury Lane.



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Movie Review

Pam and George Singleton review the new horror film "Pulse," directed by Jim Sonzero.

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Film festival comes to Waukegan

WAUKEGAN — Get ready to enjoy classic movies for a small local feel.

The Genesee Theatre is hosting

"Your Hometown Film Festival: Movies With a Hometown Connection" on Saturday, Aug. 19, through Friday, Aug. 25. "Your Hometown Film Festival" celebrates the historical impact of films with a Lake County connection, such as "Fahrenheit 451," "Dirty Dancing" and "El Mariachi." Actors such as Jack Benny and Jerry Orbach come from the area, as well as director Patrick Read Johnson.

Tickets for movies cost \$6 and are now available. A special children's matinee will take place on Sunday, Aug. 20. Tickets for that show cost 60 cents.

In addition to films, the theater will have live music, dance lessons and other activities for moviegoers. Entertainment will begin 2 hours prior to each show time.

The Genesee Theatre also is providing a new dinner service offered by award-winning Catered Productions. Meals will be served on the dramatic Marquee Terrace, or in the cozy Stagedoor Lounge.

Reservations are highly recommended, as there is limited seating. Individuals taking part in the dining experience will receive a ticket to the evening's show and preferred VIP seating.

For more information on the film festival, visit www.genesetheatre.com. For dining tickets, call Michael at (847) 367-7400.

Coming soon

"Your Hometown Film Festival" will take place Aug. 19 through 25. Ticket prices for all movies are \$6, except for "Baby's Day Out," where tickets cost 60 cents. Here is a look at the films and show times:

- 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 19: "Fahrenheit 451"
- 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 20: "Baby's Day Out"
- 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 21: "Buck Benny Rides Again"
- 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22: "Groundhog Day"
- 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 23: "El Mariachi"
- 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
- 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 25: "Dirty Dancing"



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Jason Walsh adjusts an amplifier before Tuff Enuff performs.

Local band works a balancing act

Tuff Enough reflects on past, looks to future

Up next ...

Catch Tuff Enuff next at the 47th Annual Chicago Air and Water Show. The show takes place along the lakefront from Fullerton to Oak Street and runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 19 and 20. The band will perform at 11 a.m. on Aug. 20 at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago.

Learn more about the band at www.myspace.com/tuffenuff, or visit web.ics.purdue.edu/~rdalbke/.

from Gurnee have yet to sign a record deal, but residents of Lake County might have seen them perform at community watering holes and events, including outdoor festivals in Vernon Hills, Gurnee and Antioch, as well as competitions like Emergenza, which was held earlier this summer in Chicago.

Passion to profession

Dalbke and Walsh, who graduated from Warren Township High School in 2003, will graduate from Purdue University in 2007 and Butler University in 2008, respectively.

Fredrick, who graduated from Warren in 2002, estimated that he will finish his degree from Northern Michigan University in 2008.

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Game Dork

The reasoning behind those high prices

It's crazy how much video games cost. But there is a reason for \$40 price tags on new games for Sony's handheld PSP. Game companies spend a lot of money to pay hundreds of employees to develop just one game.

Even so, I'm not rich, and I'm guessing you aren't either, so I went trolling for PSP games in used-game stores and found bargains for you.

These are all "E"-rated games, except for the "Teen"-rated "Fight Night Round 3." These games look great. And none are too difficult for regular gamers to handle.

• "MVP Baseball" (\$20) is one of the best Major League games ever. It's a blast to pitch, hit and slide around the bases. Green fields look splendid. Players move pretty realistically. And it doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure out how to throw a good curve ball.

• "MLB '06: The Show" (\$35) is another great baseballer. It plays intensely fun, and it's easy to learn. It's extremely realistic.

• "Tiger Woods PGA Tour '06" (\$25) is so spectacular; no



Doug Elfman

It's not quite as fun, and it's a little slower to load, but it's the real deal.

• "NBA Street Showdown" (\$20) puts NBA stars on street-ball courts. You can even play as legends, like Elgin Baylor and Pete Maravich. If you've played a street basketball game before, this is just like the others. It's fun, if you don't mind hurting your hands while pressing all the buttons constantly, which is necessary to win.

• "FIFA Soccer" (\$20) is a winning "football" title. It's a breeze to pass, shoot and de-

fend, and it looks as close to real soccer as it could on a handheld game system.

• "Street 2 Unleashed" (\$18) puts NFL stars in street games. This football "Street" is a lot like its predecessors. You catch balls and do spectacularly silly plays, bouncing into walls and such, as pro ballers on urban fields.

• "Gretzky NHL '06" (\$25) is better than previous "Gretzky" games, which looked cheap and played dull. This one is sleeker and more lifelike, but it's a bit too frenetic. Skaters zip around so fast, and smash into you so often, it's impossible to take the breather necessary to set up and carry out plays.

• "NBA '06" (\$25) is a harder version of "NBA 2005" (\$15). Skip the 2006 version. It's too cumbersome to drive and score.

• "Winning Eleven 9" (\$35) is the most recent installment of the soccer title beloved by critics. But to me — especially after watching the World Cup — it's frustrating.

• Doug Elfman is a video game critic for the NorthWest News Group.

Pow-wow provides unique opportunity

Thirteenth annual social gathering to take place in Zion

By DANI SCHWEIGERT
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Family gatherings usually include getting together, sitting around the table and catching up while sharing stories with one another. But the Potawatomi Trails Pow-wow Committee is offering a new way for families to come together, through enjoying the unique experience of a Pow-wow.

"It's something that we as a community need to do all the time," Potawatomi Trails Pow-wow Committee Chairman Bill Brown said. "It's a gathering where people get together, like a family reunion."

The Pow-wow gives the public the opportunity to learn not only about the Native American culture, but lessons of acceptance that spread across all nationalities.

"It keeps out prejudices, and it creates an understanding between people of different racial groups. It breaks down the barriers," Brown said. "The more people get to know about each other, the more people find out how much they're alike."

Filled with traditional crafts, food, music and silver

All the details

What: Thirteenth Annual Potawatomi Trails Pow-wow

When: From 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Aug. 26 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 27, rain or shine

Where: At the Oak Grove of Shiloh Park in Zion

Activities: Silver jewelry, beadwork, quillwork, music by Michael Jacobs and JJ Kent

For more information: Call Bill Brown at (847) 746-5797 or (847) 746-9086 after 6 p.m., or visit www.goflo.com/powwow.

Cost: \$5 for general admission, \$1 for children 6-12, seniors 65 and older and children 6 and under are free

jewelry, the Pow-wow is a social gathering everyone can enjoy.

"There's a whole different set of traditional crafts that are going to be available, and there's going to be some demonstrations on beadwork and quillwork," Brown said. "Also, there will be some talented artists who will be there portraying their crafts. There's singing and dancing, and people can learn about protocol."

To ensure the music flowing through the Pow-wow will be authentic and high quality, Michael Jacobs, a Native American Music Award-winning artist, will entertain audience members with his powerful lyrics.

According to a press release,



Photo provided

Local residents walk around at the 2005 Potawatomi Trails Pow-wow in Zion. This year's social gathering will take place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Aug. 26 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 27. Entertainment at the event will include silver jewelry, bead work, quillwork and music by Michael Jacobs and JJ Kent.

"Jacobs is a thought-provoking Cherokee songwriter and storyteller – a painter with words and music. Fusing contemporary and traditional sounds, his music is filled with the hopes and heartaches particular to Native America, but also common to everyone. By connecting us with the virtues of our long-lost past ... he seeks to impact our future in a positive way."

The Pow-wow also welcomes

JJ Kent, a native flutist from Nashville, Tennessee, to perform at the event.

This year is the thirteenth annual Pow-wow, and the event will take place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27 at the Shiloh Park in Zion.

Choosing Zion as the location to host the annual Pow-wow was easy for the commit-

tee, Brown said.

"The particular area where we're at is an old counsel area, so we're there because that's what was done there," Brown said. "People got together, and different bands and groups met there and discussed things."

"[The Pow-wow is] a different experience, and we need to have these things happen so [they] can take place like they need to."

Animal group to host wine tasting

Foundation to host fourth annual event at local opera house

WOODSTOCK — Assisi Animal Foundation will host its Fourth Annual Wine Tasting Benefit from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St.

Want to go?

What: Fourth Annual Assisi Animal Foundation Wine Tasting Benefit

When: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St.

Cost: Tickets are \$25.

For more information: call (815) 455-9411.

refreshments and a silent art auction.

Art sales will benefit the foundation's no-kill shelter.

Assisi Animal Foundation is known for its community service, as well as having introduced animal assisted therapy to area establishments in 1987.

The shelter has won numerous awards for its care and sheltering of unwanted animals and for its public education.

Tickets for the Wine Tasting Benefit are \$25.

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- 1 = Someone should be fired for making this movie

By Pam & George
Singleton



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The new horror film "Pulse," directed by Jim Sonzero, is based on the Japanese film "Kairo." Kristen Bell, Christina Milian and Ian Somerhalder star in the thriller.

"Pulse" provides plenty of chills

By PAM and GEORGE SINGLETON
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In the reality of "Pulse," when people sign on to www.chatroom.com, it makes a connection to ghosts in another dimension.

Connections to the Internet and other devices such as cell phones and PDA's link to ghosts who are turning cities into "ghost towns." Once touched, people dissolve into walls, with only an inkblot type mark remaining. Others commit suicide at off-the-chart rates.

Kristen Bell ("Veronica Mars"), Christina Milian ("Be Cool") and Ian Somerhalder ("Lost") star in "Pulse," a chill-thrill that is just realistic enough to make you feel more uncomfortable than you thought possible in a college-student-based horror flick.

There's no reason to think this is anything other than a silly coming-of-age horror slasher, unless you know something about the Japanese film upon which it was based, "Kairo."

The ghosts are like real people from another world. It's the mix of normalcy with a sense of dread that sets up the suspense.

Mattie (Kristen Bell) has recently broken up with her

Pulse

Director: Jim Sonzero
Genre: Sci-Fi Horror

Other: Distributed by New Line; rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi terror, disturbing images, language, sensuality and thematic material. Running time is approximately 90 minutes.

boyfriend, Josh (Jonathan Tucker of "Hostage"). When he stops returning her phone calls, her roommate, Isabell (Christina Milian), tells her to forget about him.

But in the middle of the night, she gets a phone call from Josh, in which all he can manage to say is, "Hello."

She later goes to his apartment in a creepy, dreary looking building, where you know something bad has happened, or soon will.

They speak briefly, and Josh leaves the room. When he doesn't return, Mattie looks for him and finds that he has committed suicide.

With a psychiatrist's help, she starts to accept Josh's death, but he begins to reach out to her from beyond. Intermingled in a chat room with their happy go lucky friend Stone (Rick Gonzalez), is a string of messages saying "help me" from Josh.

When bad things happen to Stone and Isabell, the strained relationship with Mattie's new friend Dexter (Ian Somerhalder) begins to mellow.

Dexter is a slacker computer geek who bought Josh's computer for a pittance when the landlord was trying to recover some of his back rent. Mattie tracks him down because she has reason to believe that the computer, along with what's on the hard drive, will lead to solving the mystery of what is going on.

Mattie and Dexter are convinced that it's probably a good thing that a "no signal" message turns up on the cell phone as they try to leave town to hunker down and convert their short term plans into a long term strategy.

"Pulse" is a remake of the 2001 Japanese horror film by Kiyoshi Kurosawa. Teaming with Kurosawa to write the screenplay is American horror master Wes Craven.

Unlike most horror films that go for the imminent brutal bloody death to create scary moments, "Pulse" wisely uses our imagination.

Almost always, the films that are not previewed for critics are so bad they howl at the moon. To our pleasantly ghoulish surprise, we liked this film.



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Discovering the Renaissance Faire

Modern day kings and queens fill the streets of Kenosha

By DANI SCHWEIGERT
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I've always heard of the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Wisconsin, but I've never experienced it for myself. So this year I decided to drag my boyfriend, Gavin, along and check it out.

I knew the faire was full of die-hard fans who dressed up in medieval gowns, hats and capes, but nothing could have prepared me for the scene we were met with when we pulled into the parking lot. Queens clothed in full-length gowns chatted on their cell phones, wenches popped open their trunks to grab their purses, and men wearing jester hats walked around in sunglasses and gym shoes.

And you only get lost deeper in the Renaissance period from there. As you make your way from the parking lot, you stop at a large brown and white castle with green balconies at the entrance. Men and women greet you as "my lord and my lady," and you quickly realize you've left the outside world behind.

When we first entered the faire, Gavin and I passed a children's jousting ride, where you sit on a fake horse attached to the side of a building. As everyone in the audience cheers "charge," you take a lance and try to spear it through a ring attached to a wooden shield. If you're successful, you become knighted.

I stood watching the game for a while, when one of the "peasants" working at the ride, Malcolm Longfellow, asked if I wanted to try it. Longfellow is from Bristol and has been working at the Faire for about 400 years, since the late 1500s.

"I think I've aged pretty well," Longfellow said. "I get it from my mom's side. I'm going to lose these peasant clothes and become a nobleman one day, but you have to be born noble [to do that], so I'm working on that part."

When he asked me to try the jousting game, I laughed, half

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wanting to get up there and win and half worrying I would fail miserably.

"You have to do it," Gavin said. "And you have to win so you can be knighted."

No pressure or anything.

So I made my way up the wooden steps, nervously stepped onto the horse, and awkwardly took the lance from Longfellow, who laughed as he had to show me the right way to hold it. At that moment, I realized I was never going to win this game.

As the crowd yelled "Charge!" I was suddenly gliding down a cable running through the horse, heading straight toward the ring. I stuck out the lance, leaned forward and made contact with the ring. It hit the tip of the lance, bounced off and fell to the ground.

Argh! I couldn't believe I lost at a kid's game. But I wasn't about to go through the humiliation alone. I turned to my boyfriend and said, "You're trying this next."

He jumped on the horse and took hold of the lance, and as he made contact with the ring, the lance slid perfectly through the hole. After being asked his favorite color and animal, Gavin was knighted in the name of chrome and the anaconda.

After trying our hands at jousting, we checked out the Mud Show. From the beginning, it became clear the show had a racy, comedic edge. The children at the show may not have understood the PG-13 jokes, but every member of the family seemed to enjoy the performance.

To increase audience participation, the crowd was divided into two groups, the Spartans and the Trojans.

Of course the two "beggars" in charge of the groups wanted their respective side to be the



Photo provided

Queen Elizabeth hosts a feast during the Bristol Renaissance Faire, which takes place in Kenosha, Wis.

best, so they created chants to prove their group was better than the other.

Sitting on the Spartan side, Gavin and I joined our fellow Spartans in screaming, "Spartans, Spartans, we make the earth quake," as the Trojans fired back, "Trojans, Trojans, we will never break." But the chants didn't settle who was best, so to determine the winner, the "beggars" did stunts in a big mud pit.

In the first round, the Spartan "beggar," Mr. Wiggles, dunked his head in the mud. In retaliation, the Trojan "beggar," Billy Billy vonBilly, jumped face-first into a deep pile of dark, thick mud.

In Round 2, Mr. Wiggles swam through the brown goop, came up on the Trojan side, and kissed a woman on the lips with a face full of mud. To defend the honor of Troy, vonBilly made his way through the mud to the Spartan side and kissed a man on the forehead, covering him in the brown mess.

"Everybody eats mud metaphorically, we do it literally," vonBilly said.

After the final round, what a surprise, the score ended in a tie. Beginning in 1979, Mr. Wiggles said the Mud Show at the faire is the first of its kind, and it continues thanks to people's love for the show.

"It seems to be that the community feels these events are important," he said. "And

that's why we keep doing it."

Following the mud show, Gavin and I made our way to the food, but when we passed a game called Jacob's ladder, we had to stop and try it. The game has two ladders made of rope connected to a cable, and the goal is to make it to the top without falling off into a pile of hay below. Sounds easy, but believe me – it's not.

After falling into the hay several times, we gave up and headed to the tents of food, where we were met with the intoxicating smells of turkey legs, Cornish dogs, steak on a stick, pork on a stick and cheesecake on a stick. There were plenty of drink choices as well, including root beer floats, strawberry daiquiris, wine, coke products and a wide variety of beer. As Gavin placed a tip in the tip jar, the "wenches" behind the counter rang a bell and yelled out, "Hazzah to the tipper!"

Feeling newly energized from our meal, Gavin and I made our way to Her Majesty's Petting Farm. Inside, children laughed as the llamas' tongues tickled their hands and squealed over the soft fur of the Zebras. They then turned to their parents for help to identify the more difficult animals, like the Emus, a Ring Tailed Lemur and a Quatimundi.

Parents and children also enjoyed axe, knife and shuriken (a ninja star) throw-

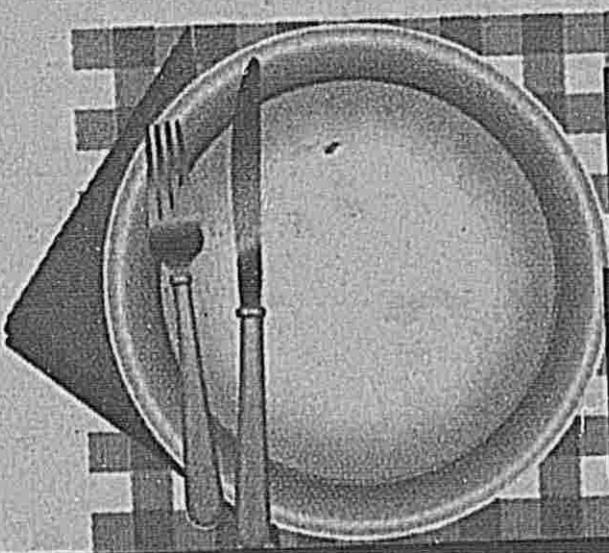
ing, as well as a tour of a dungeon, face painting, rides and comedy acts.

Next, we headed over to the jousting arena to watch the falconer, Ray Peña, of New York. Peña explained that in the time of the Renaissance, the art of falconry was not only a form of entertainment, but a means of survival, as the falcons were used to catch fresh meals daily. Peña received his first falconry license in 1965 and has dedicated his life to the job ever since.

"When I started working with birds of prey, I was amazed at how clueless people were about [these animals]," he said. "It's very important that we understand these creatures because it's really odd how our attention as humans is on what we want. We use these birds all the time, [but] we just seem to forget about how important these creatures are."

And for those who wanted to purchase a souvenir to remember their day of fun, there was plenty to choose from everywhere you turned. Pewter statues, wool figurines, calligraphy, wood carvings, paintings and medieval clothing, hats and purses all were available.

All in all, the Bristol Renaissance Faire is a great way to spend time with family and friends by stepping back in time to escape the real world – even if it's only for a day.



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B-52's

Retro rockers, the B-52's, have been added to the Ravinia 2006 season with a concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25.

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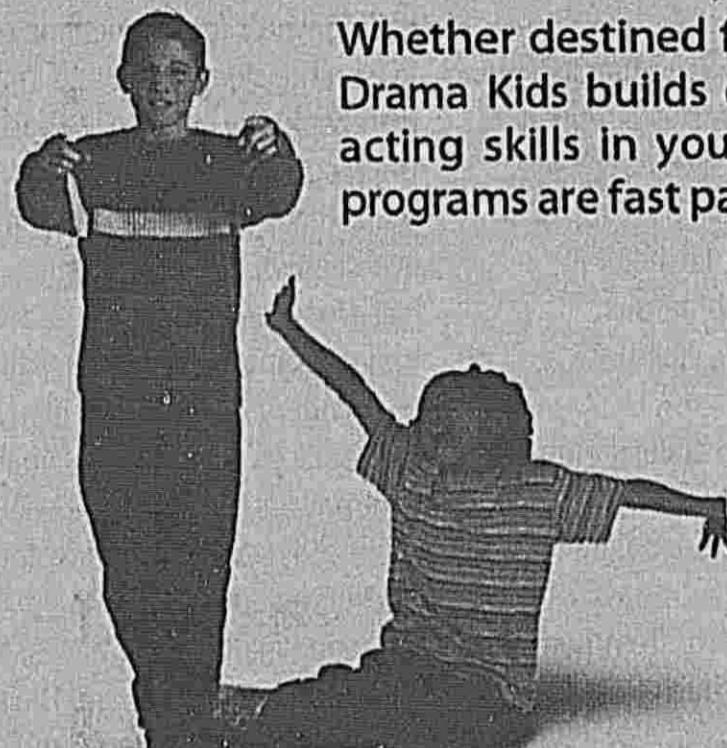
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Mexican standards stand out in cookbook

By TOM WITOM

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Some restaurant cookbooks offer complex recipes far beyond the reach of the home cook, while others are overly concerned about arty photography that showcases the establishment to which they pay homage.

"Dona Tomas: Discovering Authentic Mexican Cooking" (Ten Speed Press, 2006), by chefs Thomas Schnetz and Dona Savitsky, is an exception.

It is true that this attractive volume has beautiful pictures of their Oakland, Calif. restaurant, and some recipes call for specialized ingredients, but for the most part the book offers tasty, down-to-earth recipes for the standards. The volume includes recipes for authentic treats like tamales and chiles rellenos, quesadillas and pastel de tres leches (three milks cake).

Their chilled gazpacho, a summertime specialty, is a soup that never fails to delight. And Fideo, a Mexican pasta known as a sopa seca, or dried soup, is an intriguing dish. Schnetz and Savitsky say its rarely found in restaurants, but always in people's homes.

Gazpacho (Serves 4 to 6)

Ingredients:

1 large English cucumber, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
2 Tbl. extra-virgin olive oil
About 1 1/2 Tbl. kosher salt
4 lb. heirloom tomatoes
1/2 white onion, diced
3 cloves garlic
1 small jalapeno chile, stemmed and coarsely chopped
2 avocados cut into 3/4 inch dice, for garnish
1/2 bunch cilantro, stemmed and chopped, for garnish

Directions:

Place the cucumber in a blender, and puree on a low speed until a coarse consistency is achieved. Add the vinegar, olive oil and salt, and pulse two to three times to incorporate.

Pour into a serving bowl and set aside.

Place a saucepan filled about halfway with water over high heat and bring to a boil. Fill a large bowl with ice water. Stem

the tomatoes, and slash an X into the skin at the bottoms.

Submerge the tomatoes in the boiling water for 30 seconds to loosen the skins, drain and immediately plunge into the ice bath. Drain again, then peel off the skins. Place a fine-mesh strainer over a bowl. Cut the tomatoes in half crosswise, and squeeze the tomatoes into the strainer, using your fingers to extract as many of the seeds as possible. The goal is to remove and discard the seeds while still reserving the precious juice in the bowl.

Working in batches if necessary, transfer the tomatoes and their juice and the onion, garlic and jalapeno to a blender. Puree on high speed until liquefied and smooth. Pour into the bowl with the cucumber puree, stir well and adjust the seasoning with salt, if necessary (cold soups will often need more salt than hot soups).

Cover and place the soup in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 hours, until well chilled. Ladle into chilled bowls, and garnish with the avocado and cilantro. This soup can be refrigerated in a plastic con-

tainer for up to two to three days, but is best enjoyed within 24 hours of preparation.

Fideo (Serves 4)

Ingredients:

1 to 2 cups canola oil
12 oz. dried angel hair pasta nests
1/2 white onion, cut into 1/4 inch dice
2 celery stalks, cut into 1/4 inch dice
2 carrots, cut into 1/4 inch dice
About 1 tsp. kosher salt
About 1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
1 jalapeno chile, minced
3 to 4 cups tomato sauce
1/2 bunch cilantro, stemmed and chopped, for garnish
1 cup Cotija (or feta) cheese, finely grated, for garnish

Directions:

Heat the oil in a skillet over high heat. Check to see that the oil is hot enough by submerging one pasta nest. The oil will bubble around the nest when it's ready.

When the oil is hot, carefully

add the pasta nests and cook, turning once, for about 30 seconds on each side, until lightly brown. Transfer the pasta to paper towels to drain.

Carefully drain off the hot oil, leaving 2 tablespoons in the skillet. Place over high heat, and add the onion. Sauté for 4 to 5 minutes, until translucent. Add the celery, and cook for about 3 minutes, or until it begins to lighten in color. Add the carrots, decrease the heat to medium-high, season with salt and pepper and continue to sauté for about 5 minutes, or until the carrots are tender, but firm. Add the jalapeno, toasted pasta and 3 cups of the salsa. Bring to a boil, then decrease the heat to achieve a simmer.

Cook, stirring carefully, for four to five minutes, as the pasta begins to absorb the tomato liquid and naturally start to break apart. Continue to gently stir over low heat, adding more tomato sauce as necessary, allowing the pasta to continue absorbing for about three minutes, or until it is firm to the bite.

Classic recipes take on a new, Texas-style twist

Spicy Grilled Quesadillas (Serves 4)

Ingredients:

8 flour tortillas (8-inch)
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8 ounces)
1 jar (16 ounces) Pace Chunky Salsa (any flavor)
1 cup diced cooked chicken
4 green onions, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
Vegetable oil
1 cup sour cream

Directions:

Put 4 tortillas on work surface. Top each with 1/2 cup cheese, 1/4 cup salsa, 1/4 cup chicken and 2 tablespoons green onions.

Top with remaining tortillas. Brush tops of quesadillas with oil.

Place quesadilla oil-side down on grill rack over medium coals, and grill about 3 minutes. Brush tops of quesadillas with oil. Turn and grill about 2 minutes more or until lightly browned.

Let quesadillas stand 2 minutes. Cut into wedges. Serve with remaining salsa and sour cream. Serve, and enjoy!

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Tuff Enuff hopes to secure a future in the music industry, but prepares for a life in other fields

• BAND

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or 2009. He said he lost some time when he switched majors from history to music and took a few semesters off.

Despite an awareness of "shady" promoters and the ephemeral nature of fame, Walsh has not ruled out an attempt at going pro, nor have the others.

"Realistically, the recording industry is almost impossible to break into," Walsh said. "[But] we'd like to and [will] make every effort to do it."

But all members of the group retain a realistic outlook: Walsh plans to produce music; Dalbke is looking to become an electrical engineer, though he admits he anticipates career-hopping to prevent boredom.

"It's a way to make money, [but] I'd much rather do something musically," Dalbke said of his chosen field.

Fredrick hopes to combine his two passions.

"I'd love to work as a worship pastor," he said. "I'm really religious, and I'm really into music; they go hand-in-hand."

Fredrick has played various instruments during services at the Village Church of Gurnee for six or seven years.

"It's a lot different than playing with Russ and Jason," he said. "[With them] it's a lot more intense."

Walsh quit his summer job to focus on music, while Dalbke and Fredrick had to interweave

work with rehearsals and gigs.

"It aggravated Jason," Fredrick said of scheduling complications. "But it all worked out in the end."

Playmates

Dalbke and Walsh formed Tuff Enuff Blues Band in 2000, and Fredrick joined the group in 2002, though he had befriended both before then.

"I think we play so well together because the three of us were friends before," Fredrick said of his cohorts, whom he works and plays with almost daily. "But it gets in the way because when we're frustrated, we're not afraid to say it."

"It adds to us fighting a bit more," Dalbke agreed. "It also makes it easier. We're comfortable enough to say [anything] to each other."

"Fights are good, as long as they're constructive," Walsh added.

Frederick and Walsh met as rivals in the percussion section of their junior high band. Frederick, who has nine half-siblings, said he dabbled with the viola and flute before the drums. He has mastered the bass, drums, guitar, piano and a slew of percussion instruments.

Walsh, the baby of his four-member family, has since ditched drums for the guitar and embraced the role of front man.

John, Jason's father, has played guitar for more than two decades and carved out the recording studio in their basement, where the band practices.

"I grew up into playing," the younger Walsh said of his foray into music.

Dalbke also eschewed instruction. He did not pick up the bass until age 15 and taught himself by ear; specifically by listening to Tommy Shannon, the bass player for blues legend Stevie Ray Vaughan.

These days, Dalbke's ear leans toward classic rock bands, like Led Zeppelin.

Fredrick blasts Led Zeppelin, too, as well as the Smashing Pumpkins and Red Hot Chili Peppers.

"I didn't really listen to blues that much [before]," he said. "It's not that I don't enjoy it, I do, but it took me a while to get into it."

Raised on Vaughan, Walsh has since sampled Eric Clapton and Jimi Hendrix, among others.

The band found their name from a song by the Fabulous Thunderbirds, a blues band.

"Jason's dad [John] thinks it's a lame name," Fredrick said.

Mix master

His band-mates said Walsh handles the business side of things. He also takes care of the technical aspects of production. His band-mates cited their involvement as "input."

"As [Dalbke and Walsh] have progressed as musicians, I've had less control," Fredrick said. "But enough ideas are expressed through playing the drums."

During recording sessions, Walsh explained, he performs



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Jason Walsh (left) and Russ Dalbke (far right) run through a sound check at the Vernon Hills Summer Celebration before their band, Tuff Enuff, performs. The local band was formed in 2000.

in a room separate from his band-mates. Dalbke's bass plugs into the computer, eight miles pick up the drum kit, and everyone dons headphones.

The artificiality of the band's physical arrangement extends to the number of its members, thanks to technology that lets Walsh play multiple guitars. So how can they reproduce the results in concert?

"We can pull it off," Walsh said.

The band just wrapped the recording of their second album, which remains untitled.

Tuned in

Walsh's age and stature belie his Marlboro Menthol Light-roughened grumble.

"I don't believe in lessons," Walsh said. The philosophy might explain imperfections in inflection that crop up on "Eastbound Train," the trio's first effort.

Musically, the disc mixes sultry twangs and driving beats; lyrically, it sticks to relationships.

Dalbke wrote two songs for the next disc, which brought variety to the lyrics. "Trying to Find My Way Home" relates the confusion and fear of regret.

While at school, the three young men share ideas with one another via Internet.

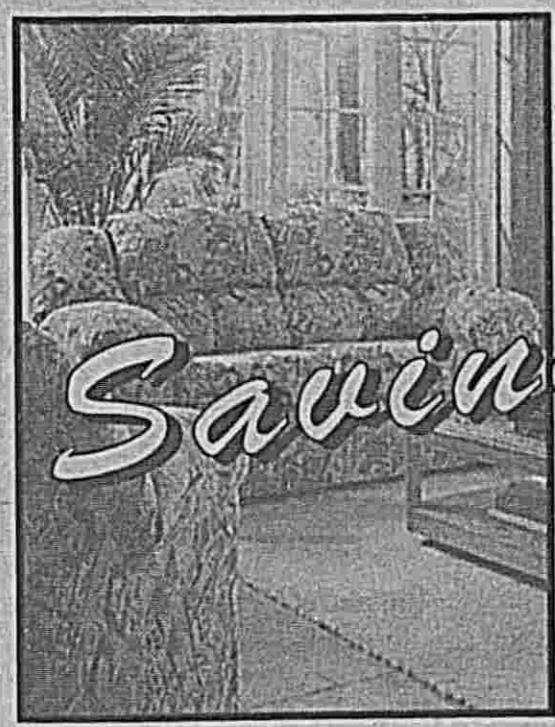
"We've all come a long way, [and] if we have an idea for a sound ... we know how to get it," Walsh said of the band's creative process. "I hate to plan things."

No rules?

Well, one. Bucking stereotypes, they have agreed to stay sober when performing, after they got drunk before a gig in the band's earlier days.

"We did it once, and we sounded like s---," Walsh said. "Never again."

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Nine months ago, I was licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture to be a humane investigator.

Most people are unclear what a humane investigator is, so I came up with an easy way to describe it.

I do the same thing as the people on Animal Planet's TV show "Animal Cops" (without a gun and without pay), and we are like the Department of Children and Family Services for animals.

There are five of us investigators, sponsored by Animal Education and Rescue.

For me, these past months can be described as exciting, heartbreaking, frustrating and gut wrenching. One of our first cases was in McHenry, where a backyard breeder (someone who breeds strictly for cash, disregarding the animal's genetics), had five boxer dogs living outside during the frigid winter, without shelter.

The owner would bring them inside at night and lock them in a "pen" (a 4-foot-by-4-foot area), where they had to fight each other for food and water.

Boxers are never supposed to live outdoors because their coats are way too short. We assume the pups were kept inside the house because they wouldn't have survived outside.

We learned about the "breeder" when someone went to the woman's home to see a litter of puppies she was selling. She told us she was shocked at their condition.

She said that they were "emaciated" and looked "near death." During the investigation, we found out that three of the puppies died, but we were able to save the remaining five puppies with the help of ani-

mal control members.

After hours and hours of work with the owner, we were able to convince her to relinquished one adult dog to us, who was re-homed to a fabulous boxer-loving couple I knew.

We worked with the woman to improve the living situation for

the remaining three dogs and had the dogs spayed and neutered on our dime.

While the boxers are still not treated the way I would ever treat

my dogs, they are in a much better living situation. I am very proud of what we were able to do for those animals.

Our most recent case is a situation where two dogs and two horses are living in a barn. The woman, for reasons unclear, had a man in charge of caring for the animals. A neighbor told us that the dogs were living in crates in the barn and only let out of the cages once a day.

It seemed impossible, but upon investigation, the caretaker admitted that indeed he was only letting the dogs out once a day.

He also admitted that the dogs did not receive any water, except for the 1 hour he let them out.

The heat in the barn exceeded 100 degrees for over five days. How these dogs survived is beyond me.

When we spoke to the owner, she was annoyed we were there and not upset at all that her dogs and horses were in that situation.

The dogs are filthy, starved for attention and pant non-stop. Their cages are rusty, and the barn has absolutely no ventilation.

Illinois state laws says it is

not against the law to leave a dog crated for 23 hours, or horses in their stalls for the same amount of time.

The law states as long as they have food, water, shelter, humane care and medical care, then a pet owner is not breaking the law.

I can't explain more about the case right now because we are still building it, and I don't want to do anything to jeopardize it. So pardon my being vague.

It's extremely frustrating to work within the laws of our state because frankly our laws do not protect our animals enough. We need stricter laws, ones that will end the suffering of animals.

Personally, it can be very depressing, and I spend some time crying in the privacy of my bedroom when it gets to be too much, but I believe I am making a difference.

I am proud to say we have been able to take many animals out of deplorable conditions and place them into new, loving homes.

Every animal's face is etched in my memory, many of them we still get to hear about through their families. We have not been able to save them all – those still haunt me – but the ones we did save keep me moving forward.

This October, the Department of Agriculture will be offering a testing in Chicago for those people who want to become licensed humane investigators.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a humane investigator, come to our meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W. Church St., in Libertyville.

Registration is required. Call (847) 816-0831 if you would like to register for the meeting.

• Sandy Kamen Wisniewski is affiliated with Animal Education and Rescue in Libertyville. She can be reached at petsitters@anet.com.



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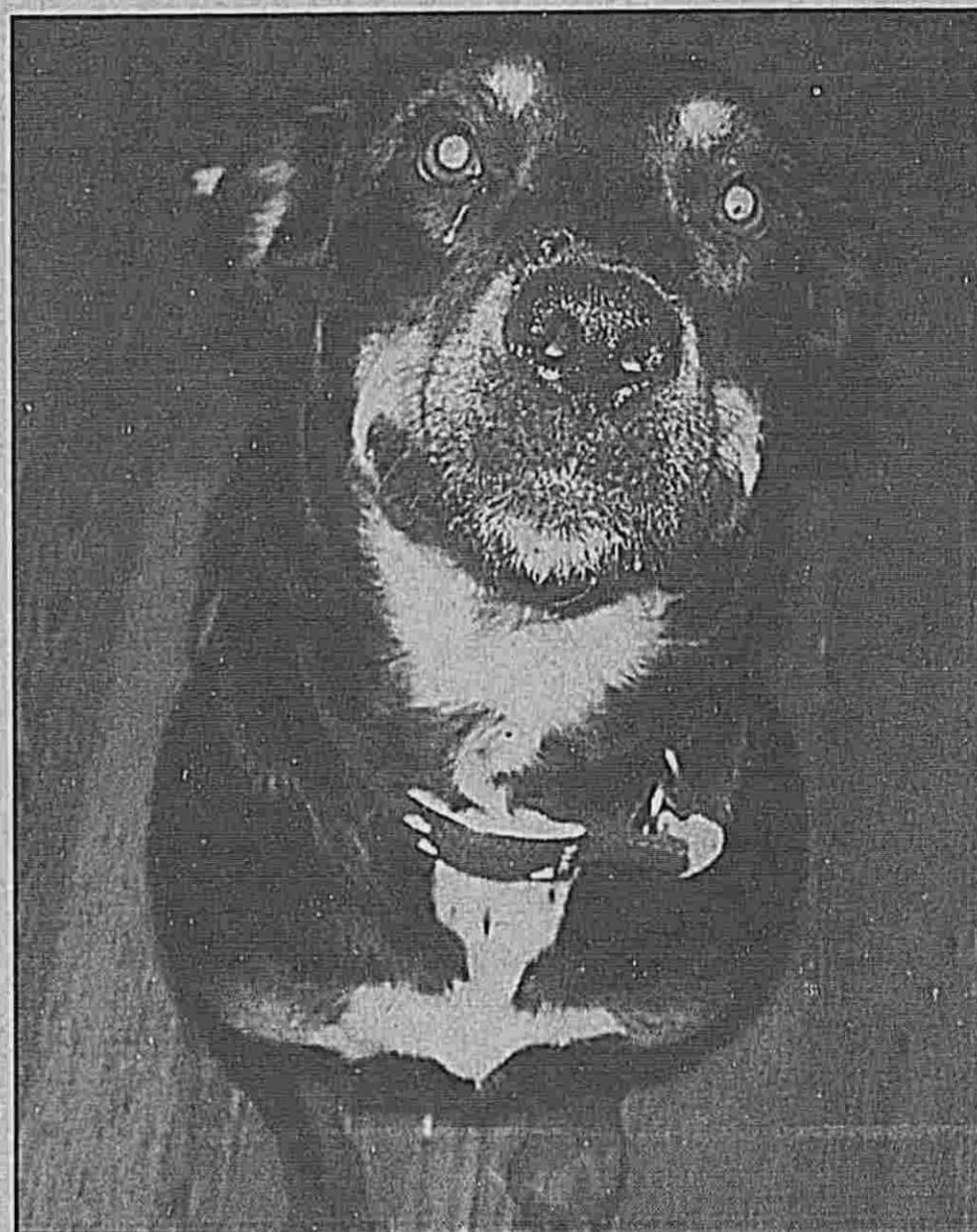


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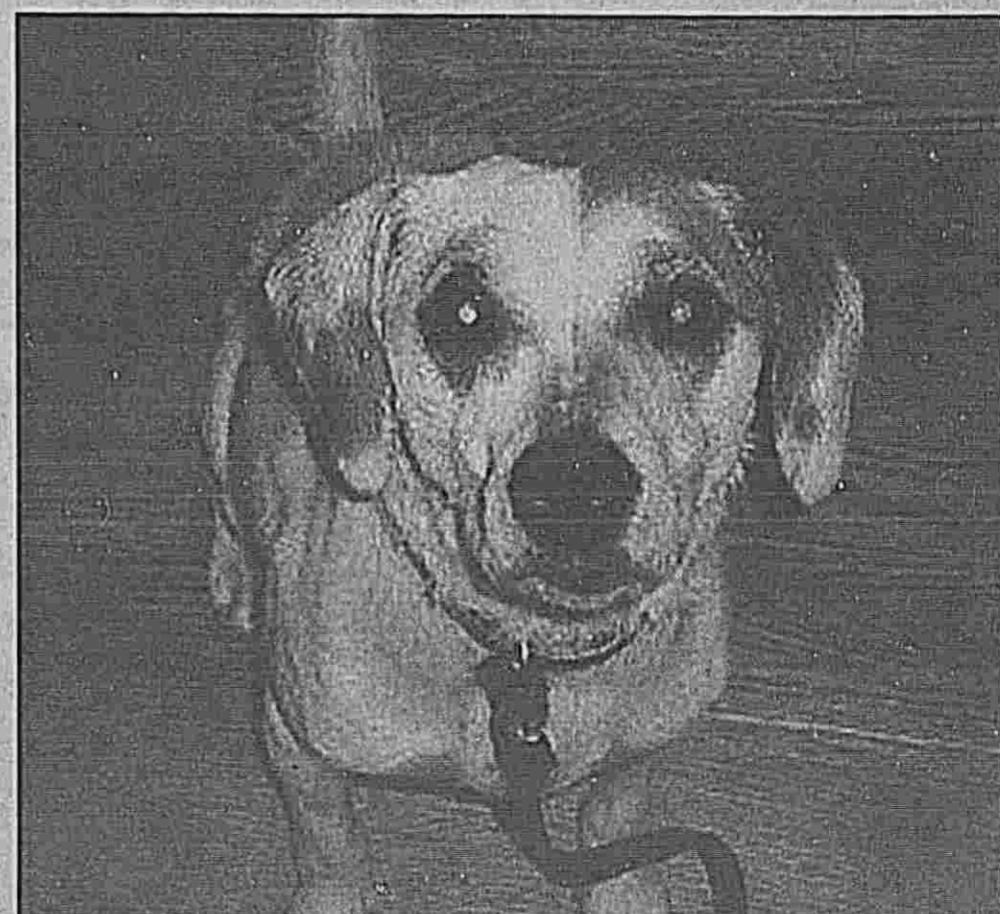


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• Health Beat

Three steps to achieving the perfect swing

Question: How will exercise improve my golf game?

Answer: Most exercise programs are developed based on a body building format, or muscle isolation. If your goal is to body build, that philosophy will work.

But if your goal is to improve your golf game, then muscle isolation is the complete opposite of your needs.

The starting place is with functional exercises. These exercises are designed to restore balance, lengthen, strengthen and coordinate movement patterns specific to an individual's given work or sport.

Our brains really do think in terms of isolated muscle work, but our daily activity does not consist of this type of movement. The brain recruits groups of muscles. Therefore,

a golfer's program needs to be designed to integrate the whole body.

Functional Training consists of three phases.

Phase 1, or neuro-muscular isolation, is designed to build a solid foundation and to re-establish good communication between the brain and key postural and stabilizer muscles.

During Phase 2, or neuro-muscular integration, a golfer will have to stabilize and move more segments of the body at one time.

Phase 3, or dynamic stability, is designed to the ability of



Linda DeFever

the golfer to maintain optimal joint alignment at all times during the day and during every golf swing.

Dynamic stability in a golfer is identified as the ability to integrate movements of the hip-pelvic region with the trunk and shoulder girdle over a progressively decreasing base of support.

Exercises in phase three are aimed at integrating these muscles and joints. The functional phase, along with the flexibility phase, was discussed in last week's column and lasts for 12 weeks.

Strength training follows functional training.

This phase is about performance enhancement. Strength is a key component of power.

The strength training phase gives the golfer the foundation

for improvements in the game. The strength training phase lasts four to eight weeks.

The final phase is power training.

Power is a term used to describe force, with respect to time.

Power is determined by how fast an object is moved over a given distance. Strength is determined without respect to time.

Now, how does power relate to golf? Consider how fast the club head is moving. The more powerful the golfer, the greater likelihood the ball will travel farther.

This phase of the conditioning program includes functional exercises that continue to develop movement skill, balance, coordination and speed.

It is important to remember to pay careful attention to the

selection of exercises. If your goal is golf power and you chose exercises that do not have a high carry-over to the game, you will not get the desired results. That is why body building exercises will not help the golfer improve performance.

It is best to start these three phases of training to improve golf performance when the season is over.

The stretching phase may be started at any time during the golf season.

Please talk to your doctor before starting an exercise program.

• Linda DeFever is the owner of Vitality Inc., Where Exercise and Nutrition Meet in Balance at Serenity Health Resources in Wauconda. To have your health and fitness questions answered, e-mail DeFever at Defever01@yahoo.com.

• Everymom

Every mom wishes for their children to lead a happy life

My daughter threw a penny in a fountain, and I asked her, "What'd ya wish for?"

She turned, looked at the change in my hand and answered, "More money to throw in the water."

Rather clever, I thought, but I'm her mom.

When I threw a penny in the water, she asked me the same question. And it made me think, "What do I wish?"

Well, to fit in the jeans I wore before I became pregnant would be nice. A cleaning service that would come to my house weekly. Maybe just a good night's sleep.

But that's all about me.

What do I wish for my children? Put simply, to grow up loving themselves and life.

So, I decided to create a never-ending wish list for my children and add onto it as they grow older. Yes, it's been done before, and much better than I'll ever accomplish, in books and songs, but here I go anyway.

I hope you:

- Laugh often and until you cry, until milk shoots our your nose, or until it hurts.
- Call your mother first whenever anything really good or bad happens.
- Visit your grandparents often and bring pictures. They

like pictures.

- Embarrass yourself once in a while.
- Go skinny-dipping.
- Miss your parents.
- Make fun of soap operas (but secretly watch them once in a while).
- Say you're sorry when you hurt someone else's feelings.
- Quit a job you don't enjoy to find one you love.
- Make your sisters your best friends and bridesmaids. Eat ice cream from the carton, rent chick flicks and veg out with them.
- Go on a long road trip with your sisters, and don't worry about getting lost.
- Cry because of someone else's misfortune, because of a sappy movie, or just because

you feel like crying.

- By all means, laugh at yourself.
- Snort.
- Make someone's day without knowing it.
- Get lost in a good book, and stay up all night reading it.
- Tell a dirty joke to your great-grandma "Noo Noo." (And admire her. She's quite a lady.)
- Listen to all kinds of music as much as possible, and sing along.
- Put yourself out there.
- Compare all men to your father. And if you're thinking about marrying, make sure the guy has his morals.
- Do something you're afraid to do. Challenge yourself.

• Admit mistakes, but don't beat yourself up about them. Just move on.

• Go to the Grand Canyon wearing a cowboy hat. (And while you're in Arizona, go to a rodeo, or maybe even ride a bull.)

• Be yourself as often as possible. And that means embracing your quirks and knowing you probably inherited them.

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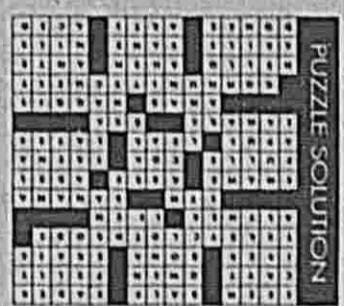
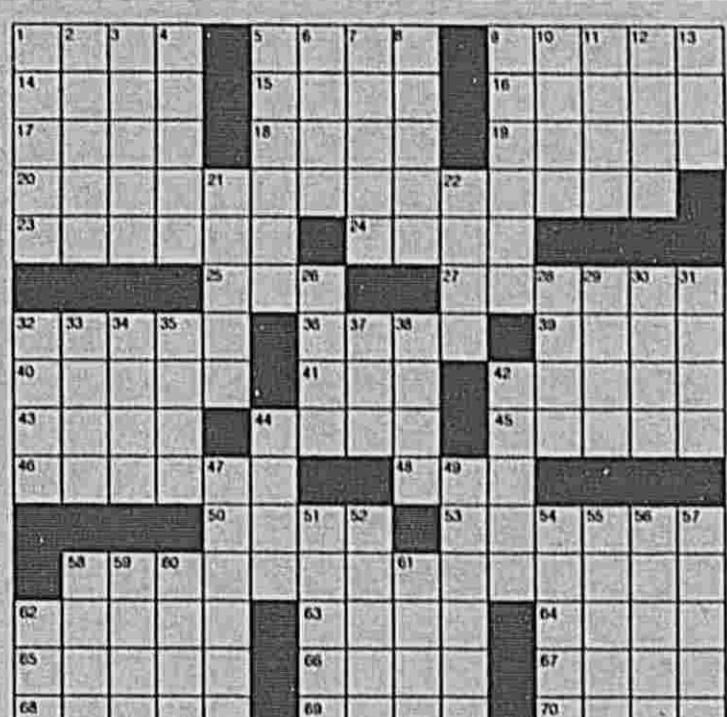
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Clues Across

1. Appear
5. Unit of hay
9. Sword with curved handle
14. Guinea pig
15. Chamberlain, Am. Nobel physicist
16. TV (Brit. slang)
17. M ___ : skinflint
18. ___ fide (Latin)
19. A way to remove
20. Hotel bathroom souvenir
23. Tennis star Gibson
24. Visualized
25. Short-term memory
27. Crescent-shaped yellow fruit
32. Feeling of disgrace
36. ___ y: home for monks
39. Cain and ___
40. Extracts or removes
41. ___ ch: sports instructor
42. Bird genus
43. Bird of Paradise constellation
44. Jet or King
45. Satiates
46. Costa Rican beach
48. Women's undergarment
50. Whale ship captain
53. National dish of Scotland

Clues Down

1. Resu ___ te: revive
2. Tripod
3. Turn outward
4. Aromatic resin
5. Small lynx of N. America
6. Truant
7. Bottlenose whale
8. Rejuv ___ : refresh
9. Bird genus
10. About aviation
11. Divulge a secret
12. If not
13. Whiskey
21. Affirmatives
22. Greek goddess of youth
26. Nutmeg covering spice
28. Ancient Japanese religious center
29. Assist, usually in some wrongdoing
30. Spanish baby
31. Expression of sorrow or pity
32. Watering holes
33. No. Ca. Indian tribe Park, Ohio
35. Med. Laboratory Science Assoc.
37. Constrictor
38. A biting remark
42. Sir ___ Newton
44. Hill tribe of Thailand
47. Having branches
49. Verses
51. ___ zi: ancient cliff dwellers
52. Indian province
54. African country

**Horoscope**

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

You will be the life of the party come this weekend, Leo.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Someone has hurt you, but hearts do mend, Virgo.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

There are twists and turns at every

corner this week, Libra.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Someone in the family is more demanding than ever, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Contrary to what you may believe, Sagittarius, the grass isn't always greener in someone else's yard.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Time is of the essence with a financial plan, Capricorn.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Those around you are drawn to you magnetically, Aquarius..

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

There are troubles brewing with a ro-

mantic partner, Pisces.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Misery loves company, Aries. If you've been in a foul mood, steer clear of others so you don't bring down their spirits as well.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

It's time to turn your luck around,

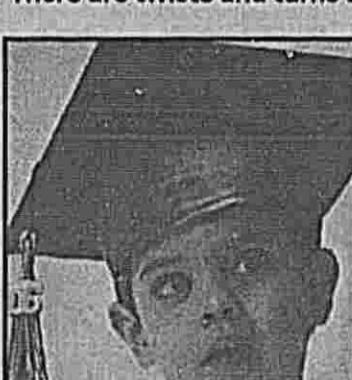
Taurus.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Stop focusing on an incident that happened weeks ago, Gemini.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Don't be so quick to spread your newfound wealth, Cancer. Sock away some of it for a rainy day.

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U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean, D-Barrington, discusses the \$2 million she secured for the Route 120 corridor transportation project with Round Lake Mayor Bill Gentes during a press conference at the Round Lake public works facility.

Bean secures funding for bypass

By MATT PERA
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When considering the estimated \$500 million price tag of the Route 120 bypass, \$2 million might not seem all that significant.

But those who are involved in the project would beg to differ.

"It gets your foot in the door," Lake County Board Chairperson Suzi Schmidt said.

Schmidt, who also sits on the governance board of the Route 120 Corridor Planning Council, was one of several elected officials who attended an appearance in Round Lake by U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean, D-Barrington. Bean was

in Lake County to announce that she had secured \$2 million in transportation funds for the Route 120 council.

That money will go toward a Phase I feasibility study for the project, Round Lake Mayor and Route 120 Corridor Planning Council Chairman Bill Gentes said.

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AVON TOWNSHIP

Township to select new supervisor

Three candidates will interview with board members Monday, Aug. 21

By HELEN MANSFIELD

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AVON TOWNSHIP — Gary Martin is frustrated.

He, and more than 100 township residents came to the monthly board meeting Monday to find out what has transpired since Russell Christian resigned as superintendent for Avon Township at the end of July.

Martin, who narrowly lost against Christian last year, asked during the public comments, why he had not seen the supervisor's position advertised in local papers, as the board said they would do last month.

Christian suffered a stroke in April, and despite his best efforts to return to the post he has held for 17 years, he will not.

"I am not confident of the time that recovery will take," Christian stated in his resignation letter, adding that "the good Lord has other plans for me."

The board officially accepted Christian's resignation Monday night, which gives them 60 days to fill the position.

Township attorney Rudy Magna informed the board

that, when it came to selecting a supervisor from the small pool of candidates, the board could only consider those who supported Christian in the last election.

That brought the field down to three: Christian's wife Shirley Christian, and Grayslake residents Joseph Sbarboro and Harry Kirchhardt.

"If I had been given that ruling a month ago, I wouldn't have pursued it," Martin said after the meeting. "I'm frustrated, but I wish all three the best."

Early in the meeting, Trustee William "Bill" McNeill appeared to be intent on selecting a supervisor immediately, but following repeated criticism from members of the audience, the board opted to interview candidates.

The board will interview all three candidates on Monday, Aug. 21, and a special meeting will take place at 8:30 p.m. to select the new supervisor.



Russell Christian

Abused kids receive backpacks, supplies

The Lake County Court Appointed Special Advocates reported that it has distributed 400 backpacks filled with school supplies to abused children.

The backpack and supplies were provided to the Lake County organization, also known as CASA, as part of a national program by Office Depot, a global provider of office products and services. Since the inception in 2001 of

its National Backpack Program, Office Depot has donated more than a million backpacks to needy children.

CASA has 250 adult volunteers or advocates for the children and seeks more advocates to represent children assigned to them by Lake County Juvenile Court judges. Information about the CASA program can be obtained by calling the office at (847) 808-9154.

COUNTY

Veggie search



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Vegetables were available for the Lake County Health Department's WIC clients this weekend. Yasmin Figuero, 1, searched for some vegetables in the garden outside the Health Department in Waukegan.

Pleas entered by duo suspected of Gurnee bank robbery

Sealed case leaves questions unanswered

By EMILY PREVITI

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HAMMOND, IND. — Two people suspected of robbing a bank in unincorporated Gurnee have entered pleas.

Marvin Harris, 42, of Merrillville, Ind., and Jennifer Hasek, 28, of Gary, Ind., appeared before Judge Paul Cherry on Aug. 10.

Similarities between the robbery of the First National Bank in unincorporated Gurnee and a Chase branch in Hobart, Ind. prompted the Lake County Sheriff's Department to contact authorities there, which lead to the arrest of Harris and Hasek on June 30 and July 1, respectively.

Hasek's attorney, Jeff Schlesinger, said Hasek, who is pregnant, pleaded not guilty and faces up to 25 years in federal prison.

According to Susan Brown, case management deputy clerk for Judge Paul Cherry at the U.S. District Court Northern District of Indiana, in Hamm-

ond, the case is sealed and, therefore, more information cannot be released.

Brown said she could not disclose the agency that decided to seal the case, nor the reason for that decision.

John Maksimovich, Harris' attorney, could not be reached for comment.

The pursuit of Hasek, Harris and Jerome Barnes, the third suspect in the robberies, has sparked a federal investigation of an undetermined number of similar crimes in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

Mark Becker, supervisory special agent with the FBI, predicted that "as the investigation unfolds, we'll uncover more [criminals]."

Investigators believe that each person has participated in robberies throughout the tri-state area. The inability to pinpoint the number of crimes and other individuals involved lies, Becker explained, in the likelihood that Barnes, Harris and Hasek worked independ-

ently with others outside of the group to rob other banks.

Last month, the FBI charged Harris and Hasek by complaint with robbery of a federally funded financial institution and use of a fire arm during, and in relation to, a crime of violence, according to Hobart Police Det. Brian Sneedor.

Harris and Hasek allegedly paired with the robbers' third suspect, Jerome Barnes, 26, to rob the bank near Gurnee on June 26. Three days later, they hit the institution in Hobart.

Barnes remains at large, Becker said.

According to a release from the Lake County Sheriff's office, a deputy in the Lake County Sheriff's Office learned about the events in Hobart on the news.

No one suffered injuries as a result of the robberies.

Becker declined to comment on the amount of money taken from the bank in Hobart. According to Sgt. Christopher Thompson of the Lake County Sheriff's Department, the stolen cash in Gurnee cleared \$500.

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Our View

O'Hare leaps past obstacle

The expansion of O'Hare International Airport will continue after a federal appeals court rejected one of several lawsuits seeking to stop the project.

St. John's Cemetery is near O'Hare, and more than 1,300 graves will have to be moved for the project. Opponents of the O'Hare expansion jumped on the chance to use the cemetery as yet another means to slow down and possibly stop the project.

Thankfully, the appeals court ruled in favor of O'Hare's expansion.

It is clear, at this point, that Bensenville and other suburbs near O'Hare will do all they can to stop any expansion, no matter what the plan. Despite this opposition, O'Hare expansion must march forward.

The \$15 billion, 440-acre expansion will require Chicago to buy and raze 2,600 homes and 200 businesses. Many of those properties are located in Bensenville, and that suburb is leading the fight to stop the expansion.

Certainly, Bensenville and other suburbs such as Des Plaines and Elk Grove Village are being asked to endure a lot. But, and this is a harsh

truth, the needs of the airport outweigh the needs of those suburbs.

Chicago's offer to property owners — market value plus \$22,500 in moving expenses — seems quite fair for land that is right next to a noisy airport.

Renters are being offered \$5,250 in relocation coverage, which is ample compensation for the inconvenience of having to move.

The expansion, which involves reconfiguring runways, will lessen air travel woes nationally.

During the first eight months of 2004, the Federal Aviation Administration reported that one in three flights at O'Hare was delayed an average of 66 minutes. The result? The Federal Aviation Administration instituted flight caps for airlines.

The expansion plan is a long-term solution to O'Hare's troubles, and it is needed. Perhaps the most important, the changes will make O'Hare safer. A more efficient runway design will relieve pressure on the airport and reduce the chances of a collision or accident on the ground or in the air.

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Seeing it Through

Current politics promote hate, the administration's war against media

I remember long before I became involved in politics and government that it was said the only thing that could ever prevent the United States of America from remaining a super power would be if it were destroyed from within.

At the time, many were concerned that the threat to our way of life was Russia and its Communistic government. The twist of historical fate was that shortly thereafter came the evil threat to all of the world in the name of Adolph Hitler. We sided with Russia and other allies to defeat Hitler's steamroller over Europe. No other country came close to losing as many casualties as Russia did during World War II.

As a democracy and a united people, we became the major super power of the world. We were respected throughout the world. After our pre-eminence, after World

War II, countries respected America.

They respected us because they saw that we did not use our power and might to take over countries or become expansive. Quite the contrary, America was the leader in repairing worldwide the destruction caused by the war.

During the past decade, I have thought often about that warning I heard as a youngster of what could be the greatest threat to our future. As if we are still at a civil war, we are separated by political pundits and others as being "red states" and "blue states." We are branded in the meanest ways as being "liberal lefties"



John S.
Matijevich

or "conservative right-wingers." Some even have the temerity to separate some as "pro God" and others as "anti-God" because they might choose to revere their God in their own, personal way. I could go on and on to recite the many ways that are used to spawn hate among people, because they have differing opinions.

The strength of America and the strength of a true democracy is that we are an open society, free to disagree, free to debate all that goes on in government. The tenor of hate and meanness that is prevalent from both sides of the political spectrum is worrisome to me.

I know that some will disagree with me, but I believe that the administration in Washington has aided and abetted the split of the people.

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Snapshot

Your thoughts on this week's hot topic

"Following the recent terrorist arrests in London, do you think carry-on luggage will ever be prohibited altogether?"



"No, there has to be an ability to accommodate passengers."
Joe Abruzzo
Libertyville



"Yes. Technology is so advanced that there can be harmful devices with anything."
Russ Peiffer
Gurnee



"Probably, yeah. For instance with the liquid stuff, or deodorant or lip balm."
Kelly Fenters
Grayslake



"Yeah, probably, to avoid long lines at security. They're eliminating so many items now."
Glenn Parat
Mundelein

Partyline compiled from staff reports

10th District candidate applauds foiled terror plot

Dan Seals, Democratic Congressional candidate in the 10th District, recently congratulated the Department of Homeland Security, along with the British forces who foiled a terrorist plot meant to inflict a very high number of casualties.

Seals said he sees progress in the ability of the U.S. to detect and stop terrorist plots.

But, he added, catching terrorists at the last minute should not be a point of pride, it is a point of departure. With this recent success, we are reminded that America is still vulnerable and are forced to ask how much we have truly done to protect ourselves in the last five years, Seal said in a release.

"I applaud the increased security measures that are now being put in place," he said.

"But I also ask that the administration not wait for the next 'near-miss' to take action on the remaining recommendations. These steps are essential to our security and safety."

The bipartisan 9/11 Commission gave this administration 5 "Fs" and 12 "Ds" on the report card it issued in 2005 concerning our progress in creating a more effective national security system.

Among these failing grades was an "F" for failure to improve airline pre-screening and a "D" for lack of improvements made to baggage and cargo screening.

Top 10

U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Highland Park, recently hosted a ceremony honoring 10 individuals in his district for their community service.

Each person was awarded a Congressional Certificate of Recognition as part of Kirk's second "Ten for the Tenth" leadership program.

The awards are given to individuals who's community service exemplifies the best of the Tenth Congressional District of Illinois.

Among those honored were Waukegan Police Chief Bill Biang, who was recognized for his work in stopping the spread of gangs in the suburbs, and Frank Sublett, who stood up in the face of racism in the Armed Forces and in 1944 became one of the first 13 black naval officers.

Sublett, of Glencoe, recently helped inspire the construction of the first memorial to black Navy veterans of World War II. The memorial will be completed near Great Lakes Naval

Training Center in North Chicago.

"During my six years of service, I have seen the difference these community leaders make in the lives of others," Kirk said in a written statement.

Support system

Former Governor James R. Thompson and former Senate President James "Pete" Philip will headline "A Red, White and Blue Reception," hosted by Senate Republican Leader Frank Watson in honor of 31st District Republican State Senate candidate Sue Simpson.

The event is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Midlane Country Club in Wadsworth.

"I am honored these Republican leaders are taking time to visit northern Lake

County and express their support for our campaign," Simpson, now serving her third term as Warren Township Supervisor, said in a written statement. "With their vast experience I expect they will have some especially interesting and valuable insights to share on the issues facing Illinois today."

Thompson, now Chairman and CEO of the international law firm Winston and Strawn, remains Illinois' longest-serving governor. He concluded 14 years of service in 1991. Philip is the longest-serving legislative leader the state has had. A Senator for 36 years, he presided over the chamber for a decade and then retired in 2003.

Individual reservations can be made with Simpson's campaign office at (847) 245-3100 or simpsonforstate1@comcast.net.

Media becoming Bush administration's new 'enemy'

MATIJEVICH

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The one thing that all citizens can expect from their government is that it be open and honest. We have been in this war against terrorism and we all support it. Many in and out of the media have been reluctant to question the government on some of the decisions it has made. Freedom of expression is guaranteed as one of our rights and the use of it has bettered our way of life.

But it has become clear that this administration has become the most secretive in the history of the republic. I can understand when something must be withheld in the interests of national security, but there have been too many circumstances where the admin-

istration has kept secretive issues that have nothing to do with the war on terrorism.

It is evident that the Bush administration has decided that it will take on the media as its next "enemy" just before the November election. His strategists know that the public often has a "hate" relation with the media and the political spinners will try to demonize the press. Bush's people won't admit how many phony press conferences with planted questions were used to deceive the public. Thankfully freedom of the press is in the Constitution; nowhere does it give the right to the president to preemptively strike another country. So the president better wage carefully his "war against the media."

The Bush administration

has threatened to use the Justice Department to go after those in the media that might have leaked information to the public. But wasn't it our president who said that when the leak, which led to the indictment of Scooter Libby, when he finds out who leaked information he would take action against that person? I would think that he would have taken appropriate steps without going to the extreme measure of an independent counsel and investigation. No, because the truth probably is that many more "leaks" come from the government rather than from the media. It comes to the matter of which leak supports your personal or political agenda.

When the president and his spinners unleash the attacks

against the media, they will try to couch it as just some part of the media, mainly because he doesn't want to alienate all of the press. But all of the press ought to know that his attacks are really trying to suppress the public's right to know. From the way that the Bush administration has operated, there's not much it believes the public should know, because it has kept the public in the dark on much of what goes on.

It is unfortunate that the public too often reacts to secrecy in government on whether it's a Democrat or Republican who holds the powers of governing. That misses the point. No one in either political party should operate a public office in secrecy.

Recent polls show that the

public's trust in government is at the lowest ever. The public believes that public corruption is more rampant than ever. There have been enough corruption indictments and convictions to warrant that public mistrust in government.

The American public, the voters, the taxpayers, ought to be aware that secrecy in government breeds corruption. You know, the common-used phrase, "back room deals" didn't come from nowhere.

No matter the political persuasion, every American must demand total openness and transparency in government. And don't let the Bush administration deceive you. Your friend in the fight for freedom of information and openness in government is the press, not the politicians.

Letters to the Editor

Christmas in July

To the Editor:

More than 30 years ago, our father, Tom Reilly, belonged to a wonderful group called the Wauconda Sportsmans Club, located on the Pete Reiland family farm on Darrell Road near Wauconda. We and our two brothers spent many beautiful fall and winter days hiking and exploring this spectacular Lake County farm with our father.

As our dogs hunted across the golden fields, the four Reilly kids learned to identify birds, animals, plants, and trees, as well as acquiring a love for nature

and the environment, which will last a lifetime. Sadly, our annual hikes at the farm came to an end when our dad died of cancer in 1979 at the age of 58.

Christmas came in July to all the residents of Lake County when it was announced that the Lake County Forest Preserve had acquired this beautiful farm, which will be named Black Crown Forest Preserve. Thanks to our wonderful forest preserve district, this beautiful farm will now be preserved forever, so that generations of residents and their families can enjoy its beauty as much as our family has enjoyed it.

This fall, we look forward to again hiking its beautiful trails with our brothers and our dogs. We're sure our dad will be with us, too. Thank you, Lake County Forest Preserve District, for this wonderful gift to all the residents of Lake County.

**Kathleen Reilly
Mary Reilly Bastien**

Where is the vision?

To the Editor:

Watching Grayslake politics for years, I try to help elect people who care about individuals in our community, who use their

intellect and all information available to form an opinion. Unfortunately, we have only Trustees Edwards and Werfel who exhibit the desirable integrity to make informed and respectful decisions. The rest of the board, including the mayor, support a private indoor tennis club and changing the zoning from residential-existing homes- to business or a CLC Corridor (depending with whom you're talking) on Brae Loch.

It's such a convoluted, ugly situation for residents on Brae Loch, in College Trail and throughout the Grayslake area that it's stomach churning. The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously rejected situating a huge metal building in a single-family residential neighborhood: Not the "idea" but the "location" was rejected. Yet, the mayor and some trustees push for zoning to allow only certain business, "in case of failure." Failure.

Expecting failure, rejecting residents' rights equals good planning? No. I've received no answer when asking for specifics about the Brae Loch Vision. The only common vision is a huge, metal building, which is expected to fail, and replacing homes.

Knowing that Brae Loch residents love their homes is irrelevant. Plummeting property values is irrelevant. ZBA rejection is irrelevant.

The developer stated at the public hearing "that the village was pretty favorably open to this;" therefore, before Grayslake's plan approval, a mortgage was obtained from the bank, which employs the mayor. Commonly, an offer is made on property "contingent on approval," but this developer was encouraged prior to approval. I asked the mayor to abstain from voting in order to avoid the appearance of impropriety.

Extreme effort for an empty vision should put this plan under extreme scrutiny. What's really going on?

This Brae Loch plan is not a vision; it's a travesty. A disdain and lack of respect for you and your families, and for property

rights, can be pervasive throughout the community. Who, in their wildest imagination could have predicted this problem?

Support, for whatever perceived reason, can lead to other, unimaginable problems in our community. Residents of Grayslake, which is most important: an "amenity" that should be built elsewhere and an empty vision; or respecting the integrity of current residents and the character of Brae Loch?

Cheryl Doros
Grayslake

Just say no

To the Editor:

I ask the Wauconda Township Board to not approve the 7-19-06 grant request of St. Vincent De Paul Society (SVDP) because of four reasons:

1. St. Vincent De Paul Society is a religious organization, which is not required to file a verified annual report of its income and expenses with the Illinois attorney general,

2. Approving the grant to SVDP violates the American Constitutional principle of separation of church and state. As it indicates aiding a preferred religious group (SVDP) in alliance with a secular governmental body (Wauconda Township).

3. Approving the grant is forcing taxpayers to involuntarily contribute to a religious organization, as prohibited by Illinois Constitution, Article 1, Section 3,

4. Wauconda Township does not have a formal contract with SVDP or any other grant requester, as required by Illinois Statutes.

I suggest that St. Vincent De Paul request financial assistance from Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Chicago for their religious ministering goals. If the Wauconda Township Board desires to help a needy cause, I recommend granting \$5,000 to the Disabled American Veterans and/or the Blinded Veterans Association.

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Round Lake

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Health/Happiness Connection detailed in presentation, Sept. 8

Lake Forest, Ill. — Famed author Alexandra Stoddard will discuss the important role maintaining good health plays in leading a rich and happy life from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Lake Forest Hospital's Health Education Center. She also will share her unique approach to weaving joyfulness into the fabric of daily life during this very special program.

Stoddard has written 24 books and is an acclaimed interior decorator and contemporary-living philosopher. Her insights on living life beautifully and spiritually each day have inspired an international following.

In her latest book, *TIME ALIVE: Celebrate Your Life Every Day* (Collins, Hardcover, October 2005, \$19.95), Stoddard guides readers to celebrate and appreciate every moment of their lives, now. She blends practical advice, uplifting guidance and personal stories that refresh readers' thinking in short, accessible essays. Each essay is part of a larger section devoted to important domains of living: Time, Home, Style, Enthusiasm, Caring, Purpose, and Spirit.

Stoddard's presentation, *Choose Health, Choose Happiness*, is the first in a series of health-inspiring programs sponsored by the Women's Health Advisory Council of Lake Forest Hospital. Admission is \$20 and seating is limited. Call (847) 535-6111 to register.

All about varicose veins

When you think of varicose veins, perhaps you think of older women wearing support hosiery. While some female seniors do wear support hose because of varicose veins, there's more to the condition than just hosiery.

Varicose veins are enlarged veins close to the skin's surface. They are dark purple or blue in color and may look twisted and bulging like cords. Any vein can become varicose, but it usually happens to veins in the legs and feet. For some, they are merely a cosmetic concern. For others, they cause aches, pains and more serious problems like higher risk of circulatory disorders, according to various medical experts.

Varicose veins occur when your veins malfunction because of factors like:

Age: Those who are ages 30 to 70 are most susceptible.

Sex: Women are more likely than men to get them because of hormonal changes during puberty, pregnancy and menopause.

Pregnant women may develop them because their blood flow is re-designed to support a growing fetus. The side effect is that blood flow from the legs to the pelvis decreased, producing enlarged veins in the legs.

Genetics: You have a higher chance of getting them if other family members have had the condition as well.

Obesity: Excess weight can put more pressure on your veins.

Standing for long periods of time: It causes improper blood circulation.

Fortunately, there are numerous noninvasive ways to deal with varicose veins. You can ease pain and prevent varicose veins from

Symptoms and factors

Some signs and symptoms of varicose veins include:

- enlarged veins that you can easily see under your legs
- brown-gray discoloration of the skin, especially around the ankle
- itching around one or more of your veins
- feelings in your legs such as soreness, achiness, tiredness, tingling, burning, heaviness, throbbing, muscle cramping and swelling

worsening by wearing support stockings that provide relief. If you get them during pregnancy, they usually improve without treatment after your baby is born.

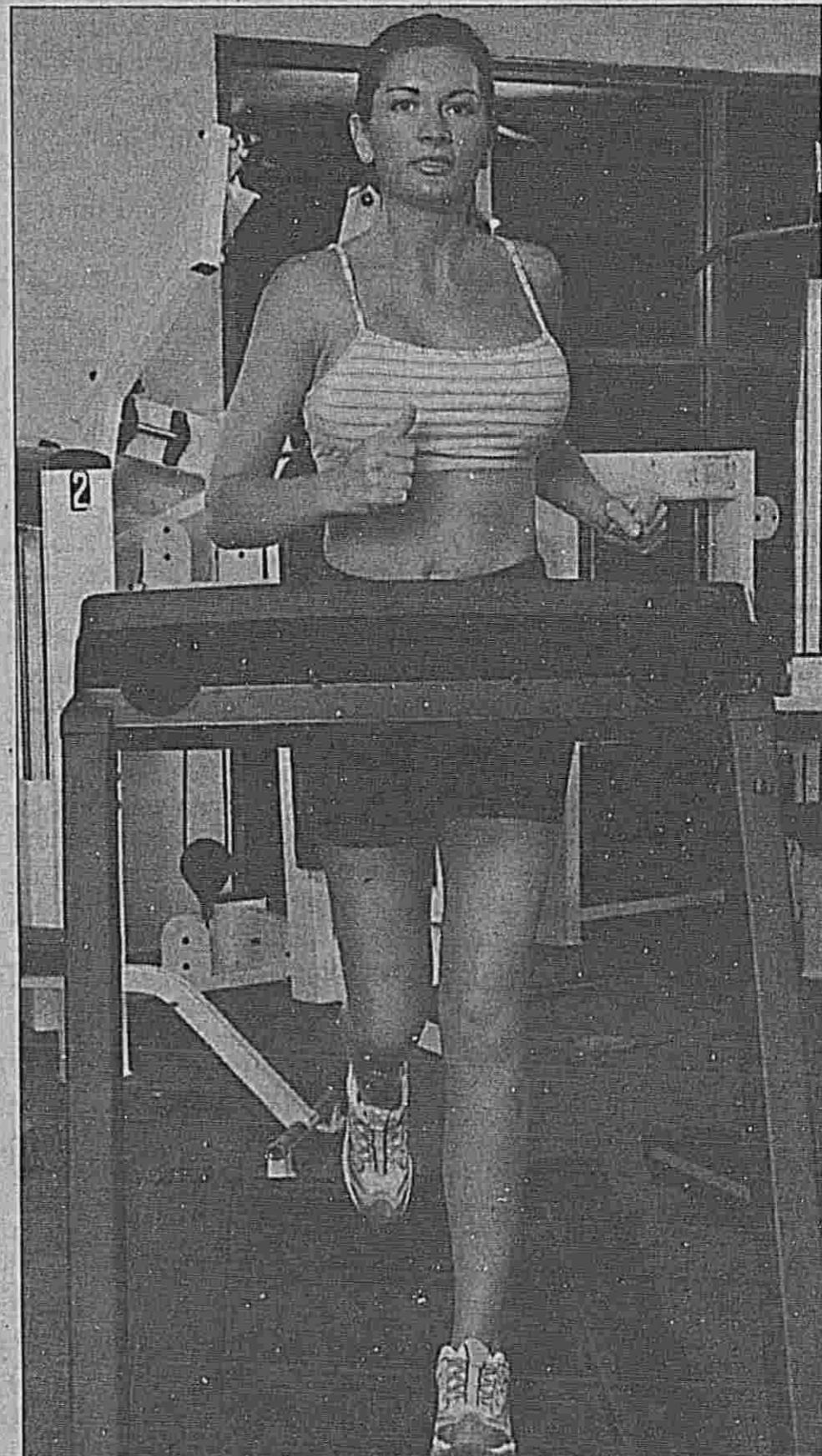
Your doctor can suggest more aggressive medical treatments if those mentioned don't work, such as laser therapy. Just be aware that some insurance policies may not cover the cost of elective surgery for varicose veins.

Treatment may be covered, however, if the surgery is more health-related.

PREVENTION

Improving circulation and muscle tone can reduce the risk of developing varicose veins now and in the future. Exercise can help increase your circulation.

Watching your figure can prevent your legs from having to support extra weight. Avoid high heels and tight clothes that restrict circulation. Try not to sit, stand or cross your legs for long periods of time, all of which can prevent blood from flowing properly.



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SMC interim director to drop interim from title

Michael Warner unanimously voted in by board

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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After a three-month national search, a divisive selection process, and a lame duck candidate, the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission has finally found its executive director. And it turns out that the commission did not have to look very far.

Current Interim Executive Director for the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission Michael Warner has earned the right to drop the "Interim" part of his title after a unanimous vote by the SMC Board of Commissioners.

"After a national search, we found our next leader right here," SMC Chairman Steve Mountsier said in a press release. "Mike has established himself in the county first as technical expert on floodplain and stormwater management, and second, as a fair-minded leader and problem-solver."

What the press release doesn't mention is the national search found another candidate who was originally voted into the position. Edward Devine, Director of the Rockland County Drainage Agency in New City, N.Y., was announced as the di-

rector on July 6, but turned down the position later that month.

While Devine cited familial reasons for turning down the post, some board members believed it was actually division within the SMC that brought about the decision. Devine won the position over Warner by a narrow 5-4 margin.

"Something came up that I was unaware of," Devine said in a previous interview with the Weekly Journals. "It's a terrific place and I'm very disappointed - I was honored and humbled that they chose me, but this is a family decision."

Despite remaining friction between SMC members over Devine, SMC Board member Bill Gentes said the decision to make Warner the Executive Director was unanimous after Edward Devine stepped away from the position in late July.

"We met in executive session and while there were some hurt feelings and a lot of discussion, the outcome was



Michael Warner
Executive
Director for Lake
County SMC.

that we offered [Warner] the position unanimously," Gentes said. "We talked through some of the issues and after some discussion, some of the other board members thought that maybe Mike [Warner] is the best candidate for the job."

Gentes, who voted to keep Warner as director in the original selection process, remains steadfastly behind him.

"I think we all recognize that we made a good decision in hiring Mike [Warner]," Gentes said. "I believe that he can bring the Stormwater Management Commission back to its original mission."

Warner could not be reached for comment as of Aug. 15.

Sheriff's office offers gun trigger locks

Lake County Sheriff Gary Del Re recently announced the availability of free gun trigger locks to gun owners, whom wish to better secure their weapons in the home.

The trigger locks are particularly valuable to gun owners who have children in the house, Del Re said.

Oftentimes, children cannot tell the difference between a real gun and a toy gun.

The trigger locks are available at the sheriff's substation, located at 1301 N. Milwaukee Ave., in Libertyville, as well as the main sheriff's office at 25 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., in Waukegan.

Money secured will help fast-growing district

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The funds will help advance a project that Bean explained is sorely needed in Lake County to reduce traffic congestion, which is an increasing problem.

"This is one of the fastest growing districts not only in the state, but in the country," she said. "The infrastructure hasn't kept pace with that growth. In order to attract businesses, our infrastructure needs to be there."

For that reason, Gentes said the bypass was recognized as necessary throughout the county.

"There is a consensus toward bringing the Route 120 bypass to the county," he said. "It's needed in so many ways. The most important thing is, it's about retaining businesses and attracting new businesses. It's also a quality of life issue

for residents here."

Gentes said the \$2 million secured by Bean was the most significant funding the Route 120 Corridor Planning Council had received for the project.

And, like Schmidt, he explained that it would likely help attract more funding for Phase I, which will cost an estimated \$13 million to complete.

During Bean's announcement, Susan Zingle, of the Lake County Conservation Alliance, raised concerns about the plans for the bypass, which she said could run through environmentally sensitive areas.

Gentes said the council had put together an environmental and stormwater impact task force, headed by new Stormwater Management Commission Director Mike Warner, to ensure the project would not negatively affect areas where the bypass is constructed.

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RUTH L. HEATH

Born: Aug. 11, 1938

Died: Aug. 11, 2006

Enjoyed swimming, flower gardening and arts and crafts.

ANTIOCH – Ruth L. Heath, age 68 of Antioch, passed away Friday, Aug. 11, 2006, at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Wauwatosa, Wis. Born in Minneapolis, the daughter of the late Eugene and Florence (Crowther) Trafton. She worked for Berggren Trayner in Libertyville, as a silk screener and later retired after four years from Pickard China in Antioch. She collected wind chimes, music boxes and was a member of TOPS. On May 2, 1959, she married Donald Heath in Antioch.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Don; her children, Kelly (Richard Letarte of Ft. Irwin, Calif., Scott (his fiancée, Kelly Kufke) of Silver Lake, Wis., and Christopher (Holly) of Streamwood; five grandchildren, and numerous brothers and sisters. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her son, Timothy in 1983.

A Memorial Service was held at 3 p.m., on Aug. 13, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with visitation starting at 1 p.m. Pastor Barbara Good of the Antioch United Methodist Church officiated. In lieu

of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Antioch Rescue Squad in her memory.

CHARLOTTE P. PECARO

Born: June 25, 1943

Died: Aug. 15, 2006

Born in Chicago

ROUND LAKE BEACH – Charlotte P. Pecaro, age 63 of Round Lake Beach, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006, at the Arlington Rehabilitation Center in Long Grove. She was born in Chicago to Joseph E. and Pauline Pecaro (nee Carlino).

Beloved mother to Glen Sinden and James (Christine) Sinden, both of Round Lake Beach; grandmother to Spencer Billeck of Grayslake and Dena Sinden of McHenry; sister to Jeanette (John) Sheffield. Her sister, Margarette Pecaro, and aforementioned parents precede her in death.

Friends of the family visited on Thursday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m., at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Grayslake. Interment followed at Avon Centre Cemetery in Grayslake. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the family would be appreciated.

ESTHER PINKOWSKI

Born: Oct. 8, 1925

Died: Aug. 12, 2006

Remembered for her kindness to others and her warm smile

FOX LAKE – Esther Pinkowski, (nee Horak), age 80, a resident of Fox Lake, since 1950, most recently of Lakeland Apts., died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at the Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. She was born on Oct. 8, 1925 to Cyril and Flora Horak in Ambridge, Penn., and was united in marriage to Edward E. Pinkowski on June 15, 1946.

She was a housewife and mother in her home who enjoyed baking, crocheting, knitting, gardening and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great granddaughter. She was a member of St. Bede Catholic Church in Ingleside and was very active in the Lakeland Apt. senior activities and ran the coffee shop at the residence. She will be remembered for her kindness to others and her warm smile.

She will be greatly missed by her children: Edward M. (Barbara) Pinkowski of Ingleside, and Richard A. Pinkowski of Hiram, Ga.; grandchildren, Michael (Leah) Pinkowski of Johnsburg, William (Elizabeth)

Pinkowski of Orlando, Fla., David Pinkowski of Fox Lake; by one great granddaughter, Cambrie Pinkowski; two sisters, Stella (Harold) Elich of Rochester, N.Y., Flora (Leonard) Maytic of Ambridge, Penn.; and by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert (Ann) Pinkowski of Arlington Heights. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and by two sisters: Lillian and Violet.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 15, at the K.K. Hamsher Funeral Home, in Fox Lake, (The Chapel On The Lake). A Catholic Funeral Mass was celebrated on Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. at St. Bede Catholic Church, in Ingleside, Interment following the mass was private. In lieu of flowers memorials for The American Heart Association or for the Fox Lake Rescue Squad will be appreciated by the family.

late Carl and Marie (Haft) Steinke and had lived in Hales Corners, Wis. Before her retirement she was a store manager for Mayfield Clothing in Chicago. Her hobby was crocheting.

Survivors include her son Gilbert (Barbara) Schumacher with whom she made her home and her daughter Joni (Arthur) Bruss of Spring Grove; a brother, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Gilbert G. Schumacher in 2004; her first husband, Gilbert Schumacher and her second husband, Henry Carfora; a brother and a sister.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Aug. 17, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Aug. 16.

EILEEN McBAIN

Born: Dec. 16, 1921

Died: Aug. 7, 2006

Worked at Intermatic in Spring Grove

PADDOCK LAKE, WIS. – Eileen McBain, age 84 of Paddock Lake, Wis., formerly of Antioch, passed away Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, at

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Grande Prairie Health and Rehab Center, Pleasant Prairie, Wis. She was born in North Chicago, the daughter of the late Gregory and Martha (Littke) Tompoles. She worked as a punch press operator at Intermatic in Spring Grove and was a member of the Quarter Century Club. On Feb. 11, 1944, she married Gurney McBain in Waukegan and he preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1971.

Survivors include her children, Gregory (Deborah) of San Diego, Calif., Randall (Diane) of Richmond, Donald (Lisa) of San Diego, Calif., Dawn (Richard) Paddock of Paddock Lake, Wis., and Lauri (Lawrence) Loef of Waukegan; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one brother. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Aug. 11, at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Antioch, with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Pastor Gregory Hermanson officiated. Interment followed in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights. Those desiring may make contributions to the Church Building Fund in her memory. Arrangements were entrusted to the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

ALICE HERSFIELD

Born: Aug. 16, 1909
Graduate of Northwestern University

HIGHLAND PARK – Alice Hershfield, age 96, a 50-year resident of Highland Park, passed away in Riverwoods. She was born in Chicago, was a graduate of Northwestern University and had been an elementary school teacher in Chicago and Highland Park for many years.

Surviving are her two daughters Helen (the late Byron) Levene of

Libertyville and Judy (Hans) Gill of Seneca, Wis.; two granddaughters; and her great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Esther Oberman and her husband, Morse. P. Hershfield in 1978.

Alice's friends and family will be gathering from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave., in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to the Highland Park Senior Center, 54 Laurel Ave., Highland Park, IL, 60035. For more information, call (847) 362-3009.

ISABELLE M. ZYCH

Born: May 24, 1911
Died: Aug. 8, 2006
Former employee of McGraw Hill Publishing Co.

FOX LAKE – Isabelle M. Zych (nee Cynkar), age 95, of Fox Lake, formerly of Chicago, died at Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. She was born in Pennsylvania to Joseph and Angeline Cynkar. Isabelle was a former employee of McGraw Hill Publishing Co., and she enjoyed living at Leisure Village.

Survivors include her sons Edward (Joann) Zych of Buffalo Grove and Andy (Gail) Zych of Mundelein; her daughter, Diane May of Lombard; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; her sister; and her sister-in-law. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Zych; her brother; and her son-in-law.

Visitation took place on Aug. 10 from 4 to 9 p.m. at K.K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake, and again Aug. 11 from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m., on Aug. 11, at St. Mary of Vernon Church in Indian Creek. Burial followed at St. Adalbert's Cemetery in Niles. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.

LONA JEAN BACHOCHEIN

Born: Nov. 25, 1968
Died: Aug. 11, 2006
She worked for Roadmaster Transmission in Schaumburg

PALATINE – Lona Jean Bachochin, age 37, of Palatine, formerly of Antioch, passed away Friday, Aug. 11, 2006, at her home. She was born in Chicago, the daughter of Larry and Barbara (Schaper) Wolbeck. Lona was a customer service sales representative for Roadmaster Transmission in Schaumburg.

Survivors are her daughter, Madison Bachochin of Twin Lakes, Wis.; her father, Larry (Danise) Wolbeck of Trevor, Wis.; her mother, Barbara Schaper of Chicago; her sisters; and her former husband, James "Jay" Bachochin of Twin Lakes, Wis.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St., (Route 83), with the Rev. Michael Futrell of the Russell Community Church officiating. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 18. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the family. Information, call (847) 395-4000. Please sign our guest book at www.strangfh.com.

JAMES V. HOGAN

Born: Aug. 17, 1943
Died: Aug. 17, 2006
An avid snowmobiler and boater

PALATINE – James V. Hogan, age 62, of Palatine, died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006. Born Aug. 17, 1943 in Chicago. He was an avid snowmobiler and boater. Jim's kindness, generosity and laughter will be deeply missed.

Survivors include his wife, Ana M. (Cardoso) Hogan; daughters, Farrah Hogan, Stephanie (Erik) Codacovi; a son, James (Kelly) Hogan; his sister, Barbara (Jack)

Trippi; brothers, Thomas (Joan) Hogan and Robert Hogan; and an uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Aug. 16 from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Ahlgren family Funeral Home in Palatine. The funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Aug. 17 at the funeral home in Palatine. Interment was in Evergreen in Barrington. Memorials can be made to the charity of choice.

ELEANOR STRATTON STEFFENS

Born: July 15, 1927
Died: Aug. 9, 2006
Loved to travel all over the world with her sister

CELEBRATION, FLA. – Eleanor Stratton Steffens, age 79 of Celebration, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006. Eleanor was born in Lake Villa and attended the University of Illinois. She received her PhD from Case-Western Reserve University.

Eleanor is survived by her daughter, Laura and her husband, Ray; two grandchildren, R.J. and Robert and a nephew, Charles Werhan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Steffens and her sons, John and David.

Services were private. Inurnment at East Fox Lake Cemetery in Lake Villa, will take place at a later date. Grissom Funeral Home and Crematory in Kissimmee, Fla., handled the arrangements.

VALERIE LYNN KADER

Born: Dec. 7, 1966
Died: Aug. 12, 2006
Hobbies included bowling, darts and volleyball

TREVOR, WIS. – Valerie Lynn Kader, age 39 of Trevor, Wis., passed away suddenly on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, on arrival of St. Catherine's Hospital in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. She

was born in McHenry, the daughter of Bert and Linda (Lewis) Kazlausky. She worked for Baxter Laboratory, Wicks Lumber, and Best Pets LTD in Antioch.

Surviving are her children, Tauri, Shelby and Haley Feldmann, Jesse James Miedema and infant Malerie Lynn Kader; her former husband, Eric Feldmann of Lake Villa; her mother, Linda Kader of Antioch; her father, Bert Kazlausky of Woodruff, Wis.; her stepfather, Fred Kader of Gurnee; her paternal grandmother; her sister; a half-sister; and two half brothers.

Visitation was from 4 p.m. until the time of funeral services at 7 p.m., Aug. 17 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Pastor Jeff Brussaly of the Christian Life Fellowship Church of Antioch officiated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to her children. For further information, call (847) 395-4000.

RICHARD E. DOHE

Born: Nov. 21,

1946

Died: Aug. 1,
2006

Richard was a member of the VFW of Round Lake Beach, Post 96491.



ROUND LAKE BEACH – Richard E. Dohe, age 59, died at his home, where he lived for 26 years. Dohe was born in Chicago, and was a member of the Army, having served in the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his daughter, Anna (William) Fergus; his mother, Margaret (nee Shaw) and father, Harold; and his siblings, Margaret Grummel, Mary Conoboy, Maureen Dohe and Harold Dohe of Western Springs and Harold (Stephanie) Dohe.

The Funeral Mass took place at 11 a.m., on Aug. 4 at St. Cletus Church in LaGrange. Interment followed at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

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MARIA ROSAS

Born: March 31, 1930
Died: Aug. 10, 2006
Known as Grandma Maria at the New Hope Christian Church in Mundelein

MUNDELEIN – Maria Rosas, age 76, of Mundelein, died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, at Season's Hospice in Chicago. Born in Bethlehem, Penn., and had lived in Mundelein the past three years.

Surviving are her children, Norma (Anthony) Love of South Bend, Ind., Frank (Shelly) Rosas of Bartlett and Maria Elena Rosas of Mundelein; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; a sister and a brother. She was preceded in death by her husband Jose Rosas; by an infant son, Jose; two sisters and a brother.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m., Aug. 14 at New Hope Christian Fellowship Church, in Mundelein. Interment followed at Willow Lawn Memorial Park in Vernon Hills. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Aug. 13 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

HELEN LOUISE DEATHERAGE (nee MARKIN)

Died: Aug. 4, 2006
Was a member of Wildwood Presbyterian Church in Wildwood

MURRAY, KY. – Helen Louise Deatherage (nee Markin), age 84 of Murray, Ky., formerly of Grayslake, died on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2006 at Hickory Woods Retirement Center in Murray, Ky. She was a member of Wildwood Presbyterian Church in Wildwood.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Lewis (Marlene) Deatherage of Clarkston, Mich. and Robert Larry Deatherage of Fox Lake; one daughter, Ann Louise (Jerry) Stanley of Murray, Ky.; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Ray Deatherage; three brothers and one sister, along with her parents, Estel Markin and Bessie Doll Markin.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Aug. 26, at Wildwood Presbyterian Church with Rev. Bostrom officiating. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery.

EDWIN G. GERBERBAUER

Born: May 16, 1918
Died: Aug. 8, 2006
Veteran of WWII serving in the Navy

LINDENHURST – Edwin G. Gerberbauer, age 88 of Lindenhurst, died on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006 at Foster G. McGaw Hospital in Maywood. He was a veteran of WWII having served in the Navy and a member of the USS Santee Association.

Edwin is survived by his children, Joanne Warren of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Edwin H. Gerberbauer of Chicago and Celia Gerberbauer of Hillsboro, Ore.; grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Celia (nee Holderer); daughter, Suzanne Gardner; and his parents, Henry L. and Elizabeth (nee Folkens) Gerberbauer; and a brother.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m., Aug. 15, at St. Anastasia Church in Waukegan. Interment was at Ascension cemetery in Libertyville. Friends called at the church on Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass. Donations in Ed's memory may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements were

handled by the Peterson and Patch Funeral Home in Waukegan.

ADELINE LOUISE BERRY (nee HARTMAN)

Died: Aug. 9, 2006
Loved sewing and painting

LIBERTYVILLE – Adeline Louise Berry (nee Hartman), age 83 of Libertyville, died Aug. 9, 2006. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Berwyn Lodge 131 for 65 years.

Surviving are her daughter, Susan L. Berry of Deerfield; a sister, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, by her husband Albert "Jack" Berry, retired Chief of Police in River Forest, in 2005; and also by her brother-in-law in 1978.

Prayer service was held at 1 p.m. Aug. 14 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Arrowood Cemetery in Vernon Hills. Visitation was from 11 a.m. until the time of prayers on Aug. 14. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4709 Golf Road, Suite 1015, Skokie, IL 60076.

BETTY JUNE HOLMES MALLOY

Born: Sept. 27, 1933
Died: Aug. 4, 2006
Retired from North Shore Food Catering

GURNEE – Betty June Holmes Malloy, age 72 of Gurnee, died on Friday, Aug. 4, 2006 at her home. She had been project manager for Civilian Food Service at Blytheville Air Force Base in Blytheville, Ark.

Betty is survived by her children, Pamela Kay Halsell Sullivan of Janesville, Wis. and Russell Alan (Debbie) Salmi of Gurnee; her grandchildren; brother and sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Almus and Allie Doris Holmes and her brothers and sisters.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Aug. 16 at Shepherd of the Lakes Church in Grayslake. Memorial service and graveside services in Arkansas will take place at a later date. Donations in Betty's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Condell Medical Center Hospice Unit. Arrangements were handled by the Peterson and Patch Funeral Home in Waukegan.

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Telly Savalas as Kojak

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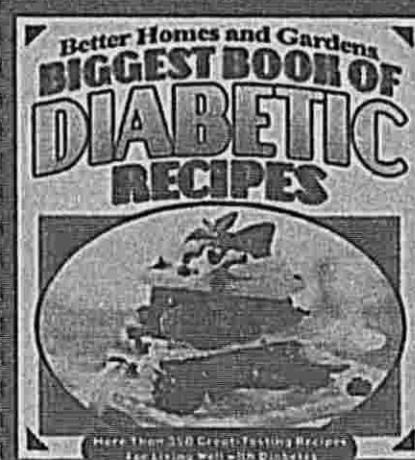
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Q I have always been fascinated with Ice-T and his role on *Law and Order*. Seems to me there is not much difference between his character and his personal life.

—Angela Fesperman, Livingston, Texas

Ice-T, 48, is definitely like the reformed gangster he plays on TV's *Law and Order*. Born Tracy Morrow in New Jersey, his parents died when he was very young. An only child sent to live with relatives in Los Angeles, he became involved in the notorious Crips gang before spending three years in the Army. His 1980s hardcore rap records gave him the reputation as rap's "original gangsta" before he transitioned into acting and his breakthrough role in the 1994 movie *Surviving the Game*. In recent years he established two intervention programs in Los Angeles for at-risk children, Hands Across Warts and South Central Love.

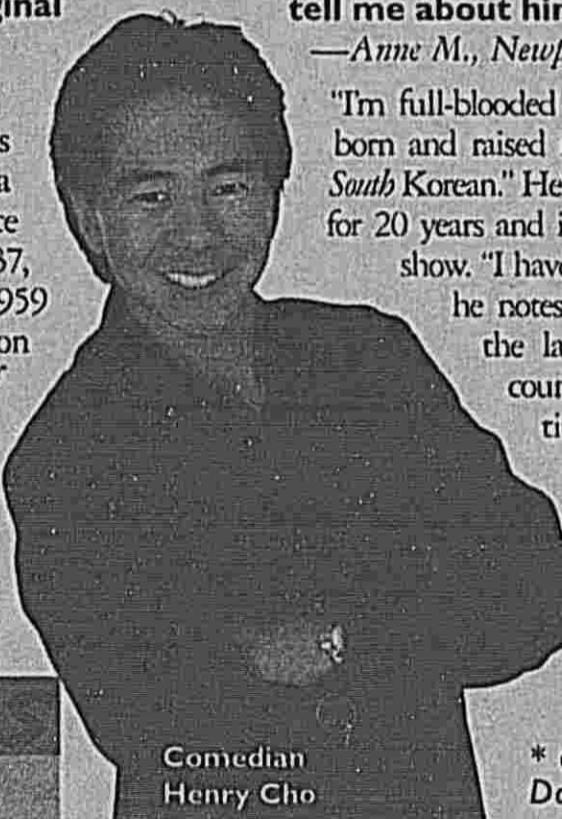


Ice-T on TV's *Law and Order*

Q I saw a comedian named Henry Cho on TV and thought he was hilarious! What can you tell me about him?

—Anne M., Newport, Ark.

"I'm full-blooded Korean," says Cho, who was born and raised in eastern Tennessee. "So I'm South Korean." He's been doing stand-up comedy for 20 years and is proud of his family-friendly show. "I haven't cursed on stage, not once," he notes. "The stories are funny, but the language is clean." Cho, who counts among his friends comedy titans such as Jerry Seinfeld, Gary Shandling and the late Steve Allen, recently hosted his own special on TV's Comedy Central and released his first CD/DVD, *What's That Clickin' Noise?*



Comedian Henry Cho

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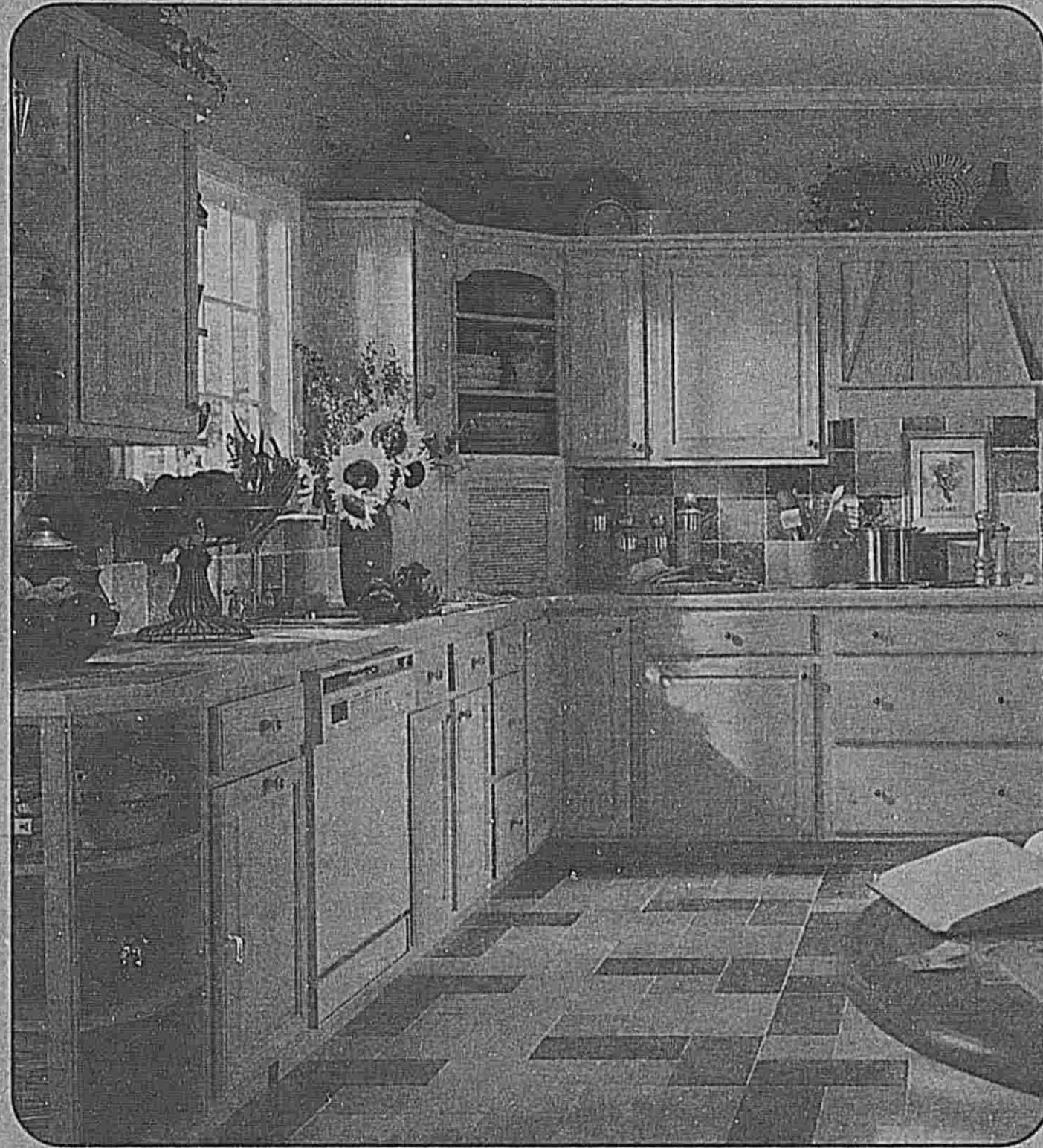
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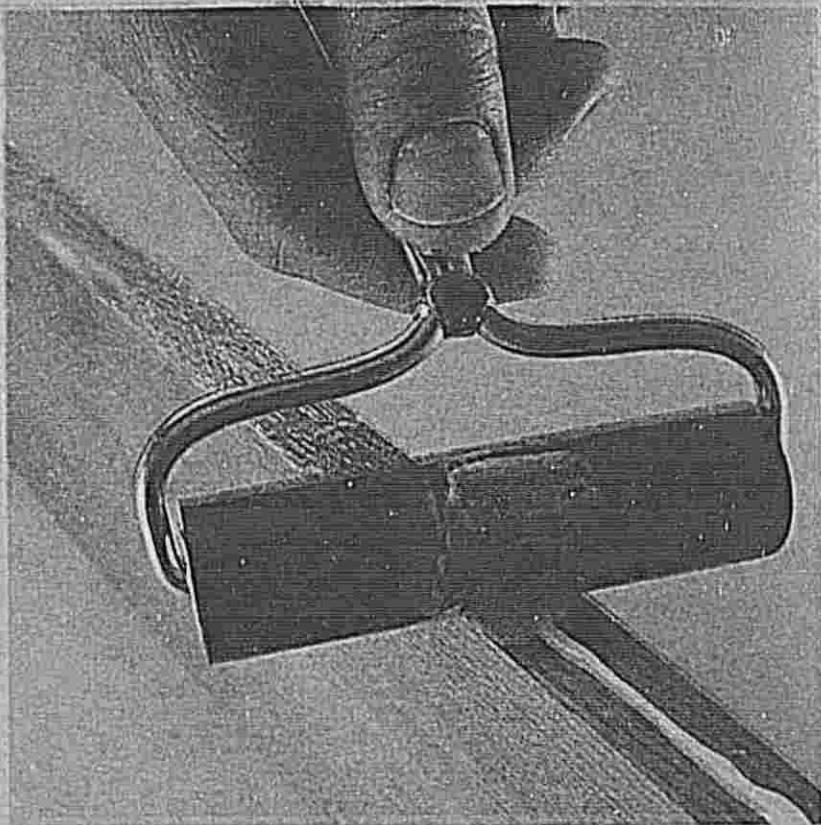
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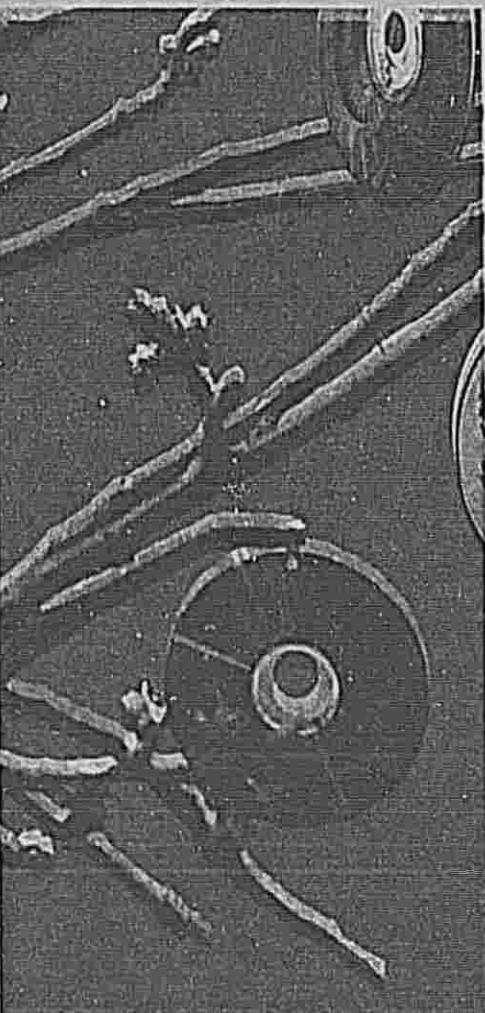
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When glue beads emerge from the inside corners of projects, crimp the end of a drinking straw to make a V-shape, and push the straw firmly along the corner. The V-shape will conform to the project corner's angle and scoop up the glue bead. For best results, pause every few inches to clean the glue from the straw tip, or cut a new tip. When finished, run a warm, damp rag along the corner to dissolve any glue residue left on the wood.



A better glue spreader

Long ago and far away, type was inked with a printer's brayer. Today the brayer makes an A+ glue spreader for all sorts of woodworking projects. The hard rubber roller (\$6 at an art supply store) evenly spreads pools of glue for face-gluing boards and narrow beads of glue on board edges. And if you forget to clean the roller, no sweat. Dried glue easily peels off the rubber surface.



Digital scarecrows

Here's something useful you can do with all those free AOL CDs that come in the mail. Drill a little hole in the edge of each disc, thread some thin wire or dental floss through the hole and hang them from your fruit trees. The silvery, flashy surfaces scare the birds away. You can even use the discs to protect low-lying fruit plants, such as strawberries. Just bend coat hangers into hooks, stick 'em in the ground and hang the discs from them. (It's easier than making a scarecrow)



Right-way rag disposal

Oil-laden rags, if balled up or compressed into a trash barrel, can burst into flames—all by themselves. The safe way to dispose of them is to open up oil-soaked rags, hang them outside (away from kids and pets) until they're completely dry, then dispose of them in the trash can—a metal one, just to be sure.



Easy-off bumper stickers

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Cornfield Craze

Farm mazes grow
into family fun

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Fly across the United States this time of year and you'll see cornfields shaped like a giant rooster, Uncle Sam, pirate ships, state mottoes and . . . Is that Johnny Cash?

Oh, go ahead and grin from ear to ear. It's the season for cornfield mazes, a phenomenon that began in 1993 and has spread like butter on a hot roastin' ear. Today, more than 600 corn mazes dot the countryside from coast to coast.

Don Frantz, father of the cornfield maze, says the idea popped to mind after reading about European hedge mazes and seeing the 1989 movie *Field of Dreams*. That same week the former theatrical producer was flying between Los Angeles and New York.

"I looked down and saw the crop patterns and thought 'that's the American maze,'" says Frantz, 54, who grew up on a farm in Hummelstown, Pa. (pop. 4,360).

Frantz designed his first corn maze in Annville, Pa. (pop. 4,518), carving a three-acre maze in the shape of a dinosaur as a fund-raiser for his alma mater, Lebanon Valley College. In three days, 11,000 people paid \$5 apiece to wander the paths, laughing and joking as they took wrong turns and hit dead ends in the cornfield.

Frantz knew he'd sprouted a fertile form of entertainment, but he never dreamed how fast—and large—the cornfield craze would grow.

"At first we were thinking 'small-town and three days,'" says the founder of the American Maze Co., based in Hummelstown. "Now corn mazes run from July to October. I've had 3 million people go through my mazes. I've even planted a two-acre maze in New York City."

The walk-through puzzles appeal to all ages. "For teens, it's like 3-D and Nintendo and the biggest game they've ever played," Frantz says. "Children have a sense of wonder about it and seniors like to come back to the farm. Dads say it's the best thing they've done with the family."

Family adventure

Meandering America's longest running corn maze at Cherry-Crest Farm in Paradise, Pa. (pop. 4,698), has become a yearly tradition and adventure for Jim and Lynne Kreher of Downingtown, Pa., and their children, Erin, 12, and Dylan, 10.

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An aerial view of a cornfield creation in Meridian, Idaho.

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Designer Don Frantz



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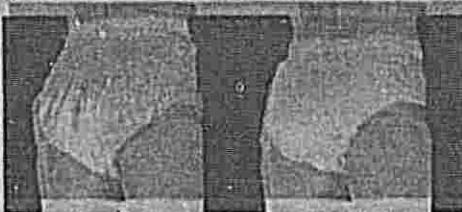
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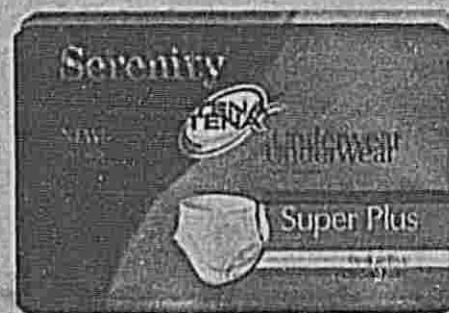


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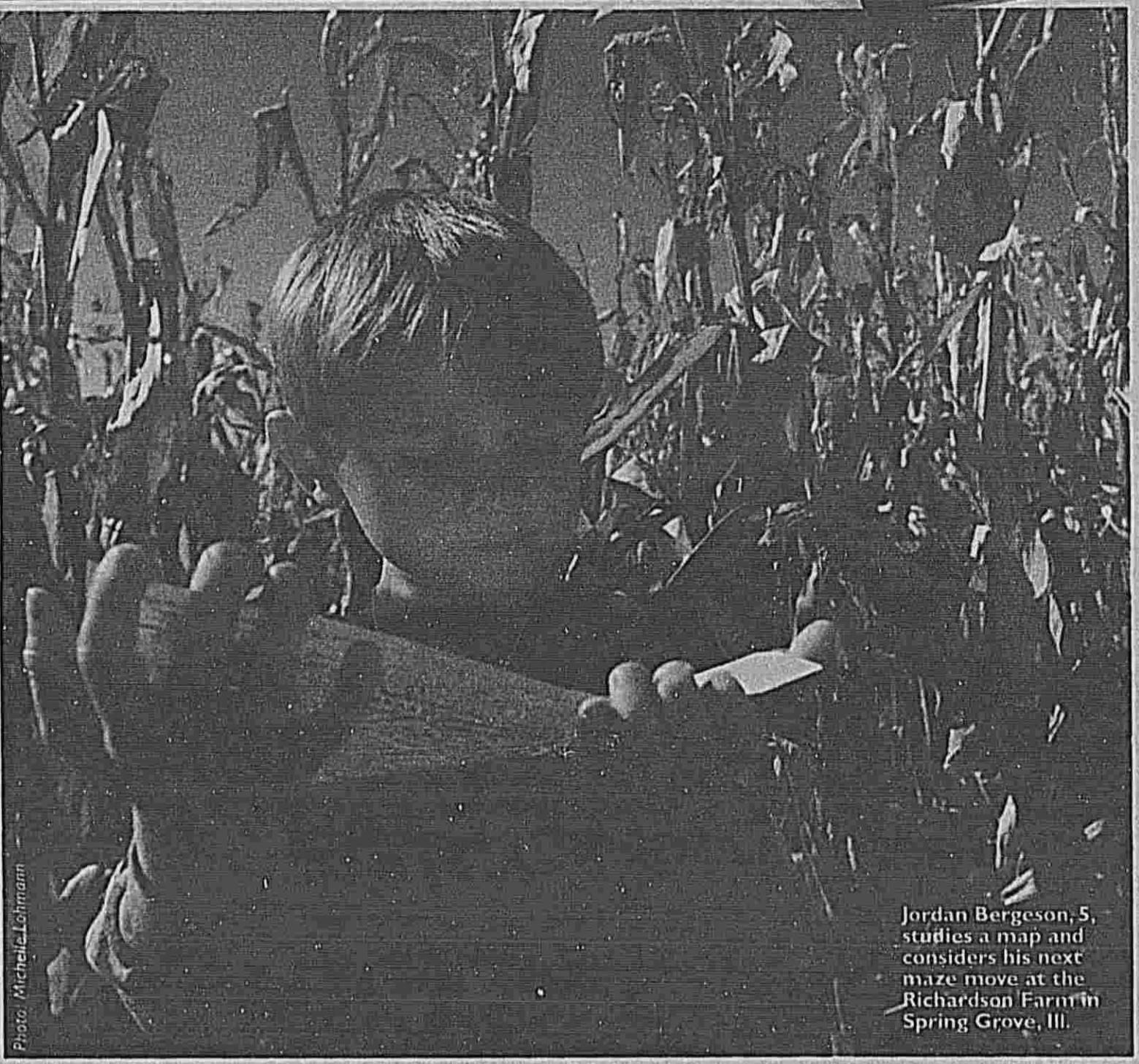


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Jordan Bergeson, 5, studies a map and considers his next maze move at the Richardson Farm in Spring Grove, Ill.

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"There aren't that many things that all the family can do together," says Jim, after exploring the farm's five-acre maze with his family last year.

In 1996, the first year for the Cherry-Crest maze, Lynne carried Dylan in a baby backpack, and the Krechers have ventured through more than two miles of pathways every year since.

The family's favorite Cherry-Crest maze had a *Lost in Space* theme, "and we really were," Lynne says, laughing.

Hiking down a nearby path are Stuart and Debbie Drucker and their son, Evan, 4, from Deer Park, N.Y. (pop. 28,316). Debbie pulls Evan in a wagon, while Stuart carries a flag to wave for help in case they get

hopelessly cornfused amid the walls of 12-foot-tall cornstalks. He heads to a mailbox on the path to retrieve a puzzle piece. When all the pieces are found, they form a map of the maze.

"I like the challenge of coming through, and the trivia questions and the unusual themes," Stuart says.

Journeying through the maze can take an hour or longer, says Anthony Wenger, 16, who works at Cherry-Crest Farm, helping bewildered customers find their way.

"Some have been going in circles for five hours," he says. Then he grins. "I think they wanted to be lost."

While maze enthusiasts enjoy getting lost, farmers have found a novel way to make their cornfields



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A corn cannon and petting zoo are among the country fun offered by the Petersen family—Sammy, Jess, Karen and Dave—at Bloomsbury Farm in Atkins, Iowa.

pay. Jack and Donna Coleman, who own Cherry-Crest Farm, wondered how they could tap into the traffic crisscrossing their property daily on the Strasburg Rail Road, a short line tourist train. Then they heard about Frantz's maze and contacted him.

Today, the train stops at the Colemans' farm so maze-goers can hop off. About 1,000 people a day visit the maze and other activities, including pony rides and marshmallow roasts. At night, people prowl the maze by flashlight and starlight.

That's agri-tainment

Like the Colemans, farmers Margaret and Owen Richardson of Spring Grove, Ill. (pop. 3,880), took a turn into the corn maze business to supplement the family's income.

"We have deep roots and it's a matter of pride to keep the farm going," says Margaret, 81. The Richardson Farm was homesteaded in 1840 and Owen, 83, is a fourth-generation farmer. His sons, Robert, 56, and George, 53, also farm and help plant the corn.

When they built their first maze in 2001, Margaret thought they would start small and grow, but Robert had a different marketing strategy. "He said we need to start with a splash and get our name on top," his mother recalls.

They made the biggest splash yet last year when they hired maze designer Shawn Stolworthy of Firth, Idaho (pop. 408), to build America's largest corn maze. The 25-acre maze celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Chicago Bears' Super Bowl victory. Maze-goers negotiated 9.2 miles of pathways through an outline of Walter Payton, the legendary running back.

Most of America's maze farms include a bumper crop of other attractions for a day's worth of country fun. At Bloomsbury Farm in Atkins, Iowa (pop. 977), fifth-generation farmers Karen and Dave Petersen offer hayrides, scarecrow building, bluegrass singing in the barn, a giant pumpkin patch, boxes of seed corn to jump in and corn cannons that shoot corncobs.

Corn mazes are popular destinations across the nation, hosting family reunions, classroom field trips and corporate team-building events for \$5 to \$12 per person.

"You become more who you are in the maze," Don Frantz says. "Do you keep your eye on the big picture? Do you celebrate failure as a way to learn? People should not get married without going through a maze together."

While Frantz is father of the corn maze craze, Brett Herbst of Spanish Fork, Utah (pop. 20,246), is king. Inspired by Frantz's venture, Herbst planted the



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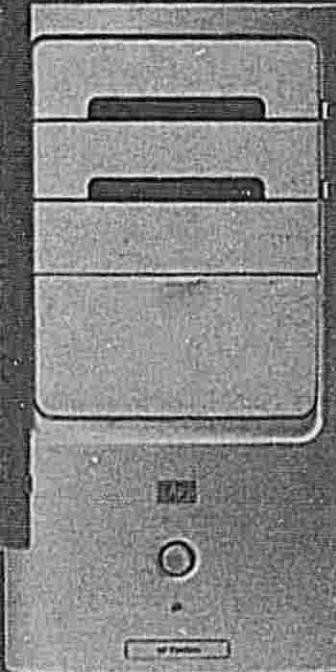
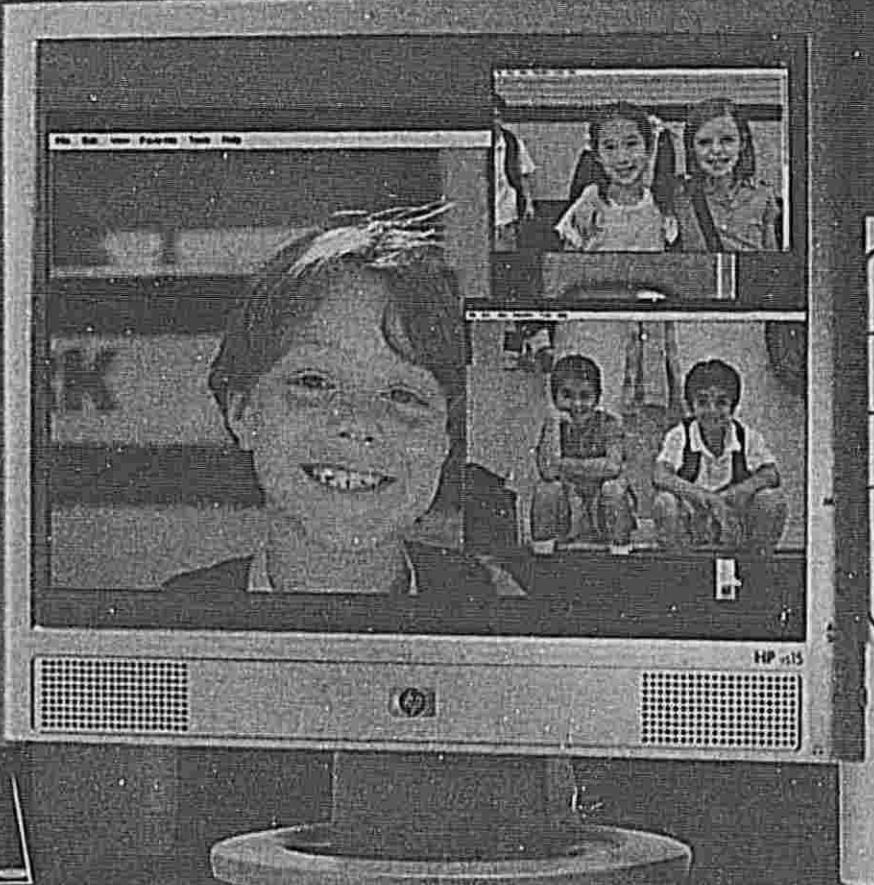
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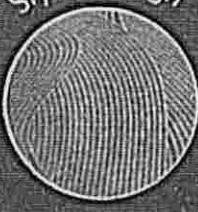


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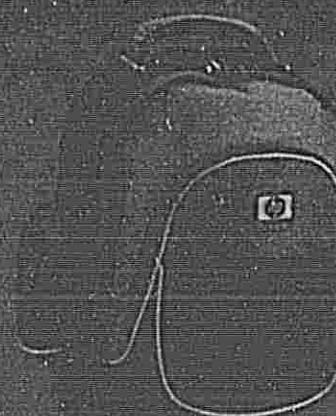
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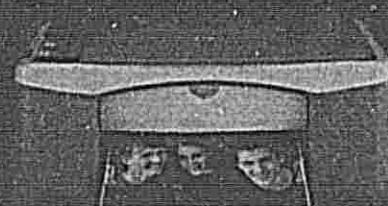
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Brett Herbst (top) has designed more than 1,000 mazes since 1996, including a patriotic pattern in a LaSalle, Colo., cornfield in 2002.

first corn maze west of the Mississippi River at American Fork, Utah (pop. 21,941), in 1996.

"It was as crazy as could be," recalls Herbst, 35. About 18,000 people stalked the maze in three weeks.

He founded The MAiZE, the world's largest corn maze company, and has designed more than 1,000 mazes in the United States and abroad in an assortment of shapes from country singer Johnny Cash to the American flag to a haunted castle.

Each designer has his own method for carving cornfields into living labyrinths. Most mazes begin with a double planting of field corn, which later is harvested to feed livestock. When the corn is about 6 inches tall, plants are selectively removed with a hoe or a GPS-guided tractor, leaving the ones needed to form the maze.

"We never had any clue it'd be this big," Herbst says about the agri-tainment fad that took off and just keeps growing.

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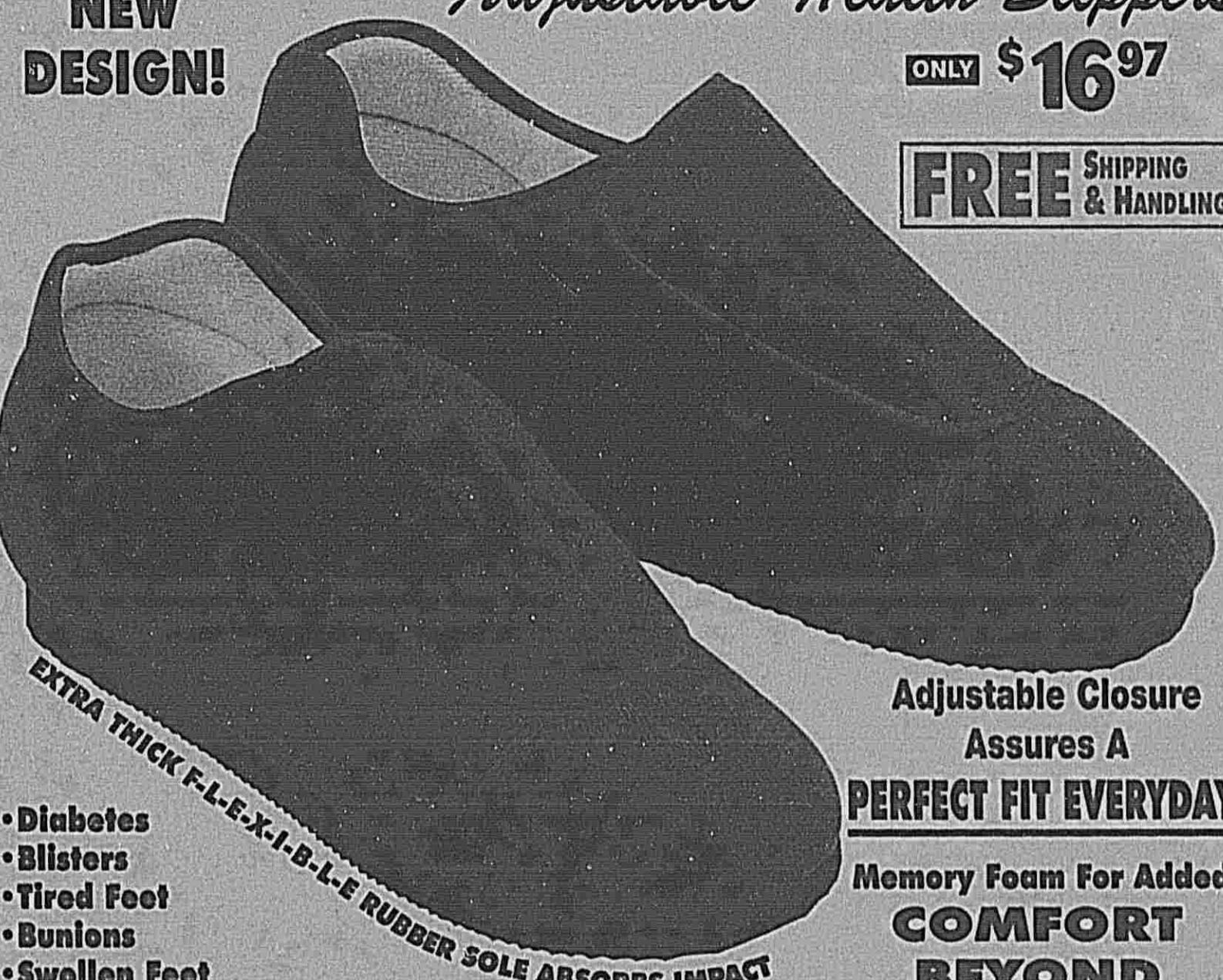
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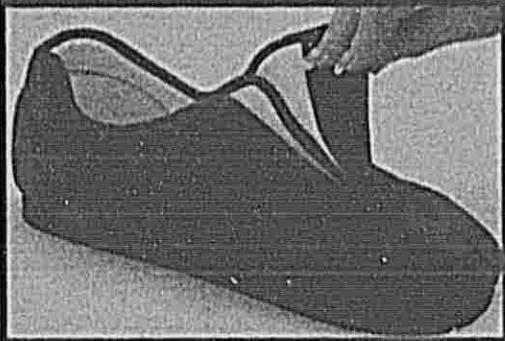
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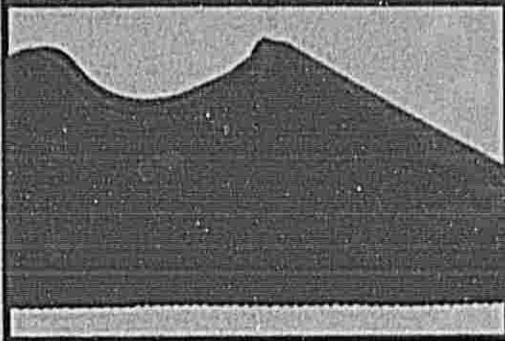
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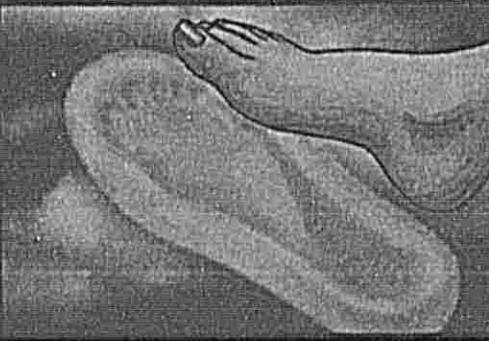
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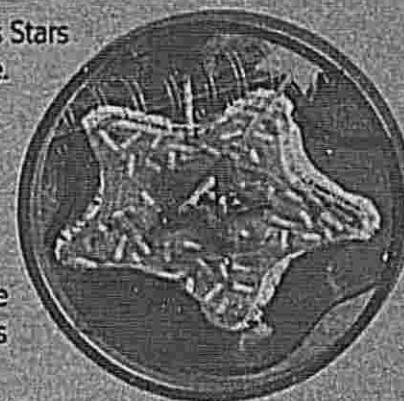
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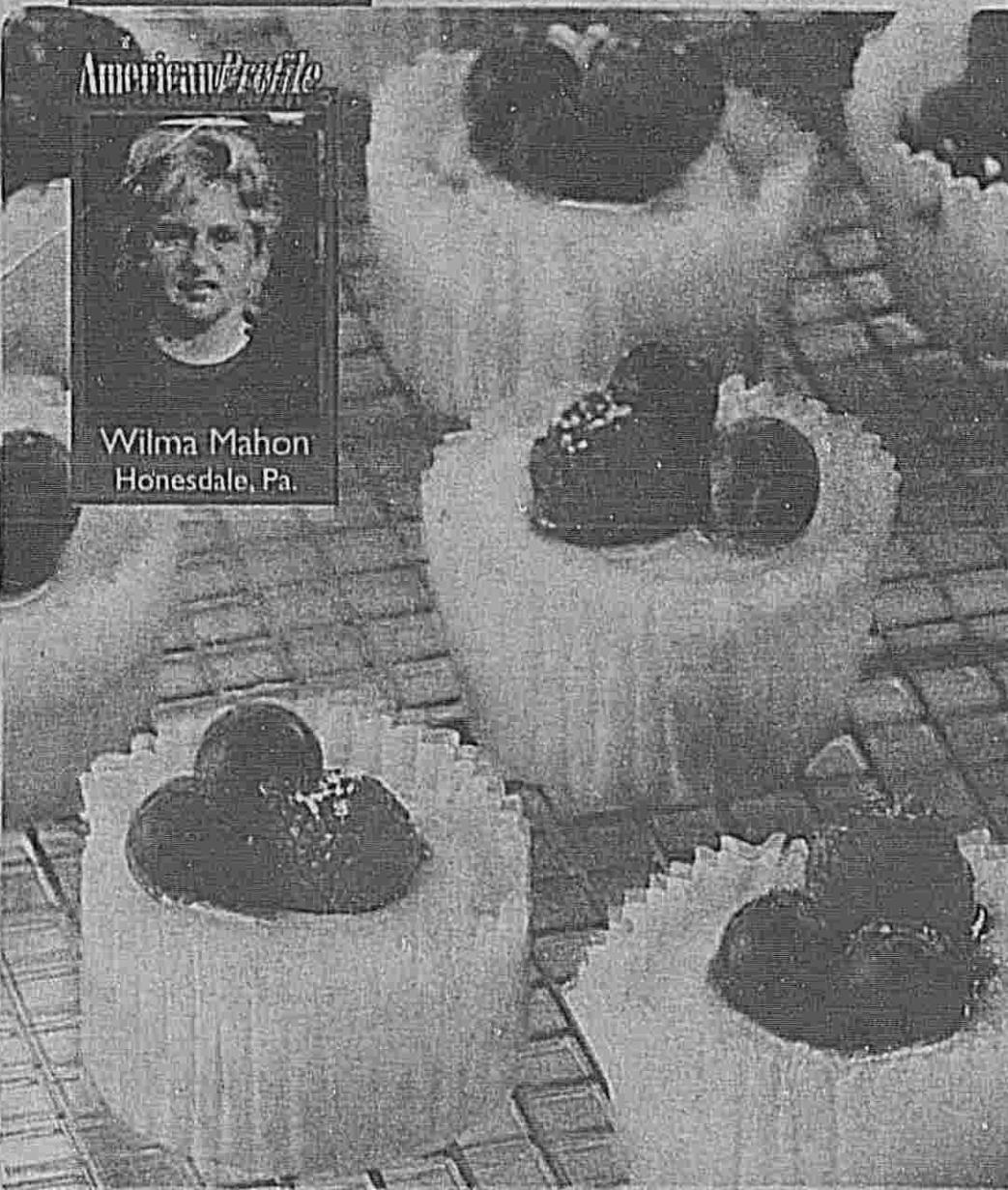
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- 3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
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- 5 eggs
- 1 1/4 teaspoons vanilla extract, divided
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons jam, divided

Preheat oven to 325°F. Line 24 cups of muffin tins with paper liners. Beat cream cheese with 1 cup sugar and eggs. Add 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla. Pour batter into muffin liners, two-thirds full. Bake 40 minutes.

To prepare filling, mix sour cream, 1/4 cup sugar and 1/4 teaspoon vanilla. Remove cup cakes from oven. They will fall in the middle. Fill hole with sour cream mixture. Spoon 1/4 teaspoon jam on top. Return to oven and bake 5 minutes. Garnish with fresh berries.

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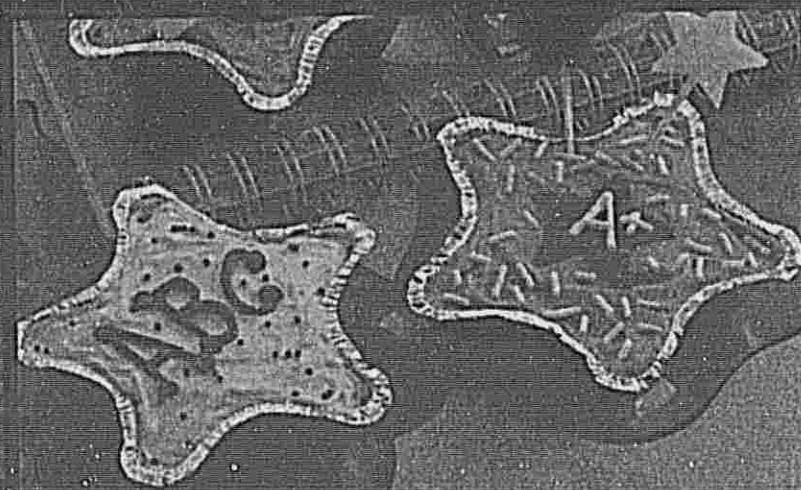


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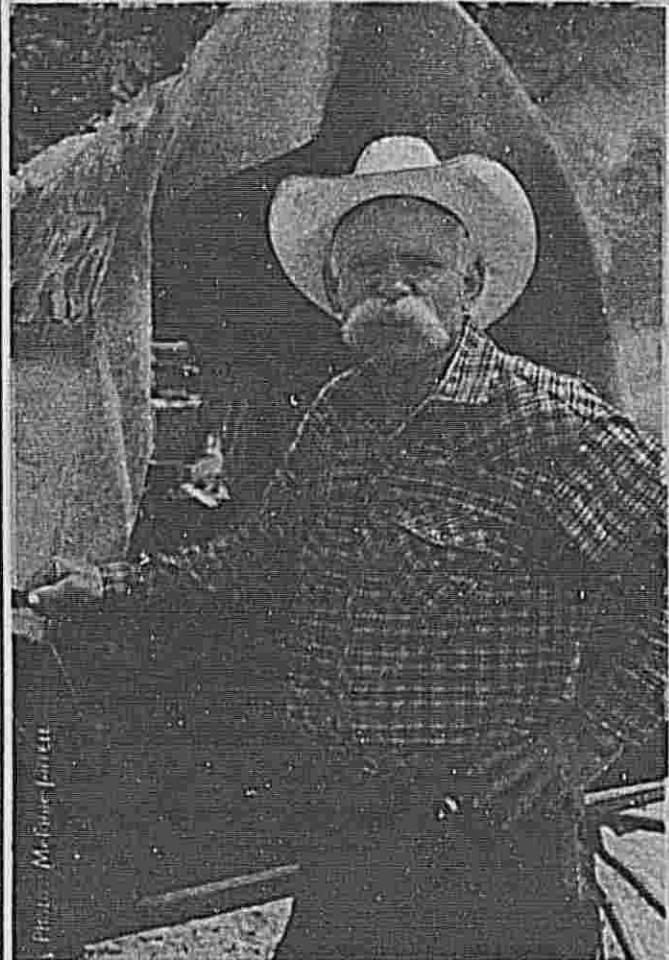
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Hometown Hero

Championing the Chuck Wagon Races

by MARGARET DORNAUS



Dan Eoff hosts the chuck wagon championships each Labor Day weekend at his Clinton, Ark., ranch.

Dan Eoff, 57, says he was "born to be a cowboy." And no one would challenge that claim within a 200-mile radius of his 700-acre Little Red River homestead near Clinton, Ark. (pop. 2,283).

It's not just that Eoff—a burly man with a 10-gallon hat and handlebar mustache—looks the part, which he does. Or that he runs the town's feed store and makes his living raising cattle on a ranch he carved out of a brush pile. Rather, his cowboy fame has spread around the world and back because Eoff is creator and caretaker of the National Championship Chuckwagon Races, which take place each Labor Day weekend at his Bar Of Ranch.

The acclaimed race started as a simple get-together among friends and neighbors. The idea came in 1985 after Eoff and his wife, Peggy, attended a chuck wagon race in Cheyenne, Wyo. When they returned home, he sug-

gested throwing a Labor Day party with their own "little wagon race."

The Eoffs expected a few dozen people to show up, but word of mouth spread and 500 people trekked up the ranch's dirt road to join in the festivities. The following year, more than 2,000 people came and, last year, the chuck wagon race party attracted 20,000 spectators and 375 participants in eight events—from the Oklahoma Land Rush to the Snowy River Race. Although an amateur event, Eoff awards winners with saddles, belt buckles and "Chuckwagon

Bucks" that can be exchanged for a variety of goods during a weeklong trade show accompanying the race.

Danny Newland, a rodeo announcer and high school friend of Eoff, hasn't missed a Labor Day at the ranch in two decades. In fact, Newland is the voice of Clinton's chuck wagon races. His rapid-fire cadence keeps pace as chuck wagon teams race across the quarter-mile bottomland track toward the finish line.

"I've never met anyone like him," Newland says of Eoff. "He's a great guy . . . and a workaholic."

Eoff's wife concurs. "Dan always says, 'Instead of talking about what we used to do, let's talk about what we did today,'" says Peggy, 48.

That spirit explains why the Eoffs' "little wagon race" has grown into a national event where cowboys and cowgirls from across the nation come to see and be seen, as well as to match

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their racing mettle against other competitors. "This is the largest horse event in the country," Eoff says, adding that more than 5,000 horses and mules were "checked in" for last year's event. Not all of those animals raced, however. Many riders participate in parades through town, as well as breakfast and sunset rides on the ranch throughout the weekend. "People want to be a part of it, to dress up and show off their horses."

Some folks savor the Old West atmosphere. Gary Barnes of Pryor, Okla. (pop. 9,115), has camped out at the Bar Of

Ranch eight consecutive Labor Day weekends. He and his wife make the event an annual pilgrimage—camping on "staked out" sites, cooking over a campfire, attending trade shows and concerts by country music singers. "It's a lot of fun," Barnes says.

It's also a lot of work. Organizers acknowledge that, over the years, the event has taken on a life of its own. "I don't know if we can stop," Peggy says. To which her husband, a chuck wagon racer who's never taken a prize at his own party, says he'll keep "going 'round the track" until he no longer can. →

Margaret Dornaus is a freelance writer in Ozark, Ark.

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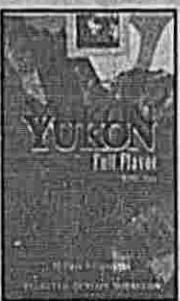
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Odd Jobs

Setting the Pace

by RICHARD
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Sitting behind the wheel of a Ford Mustang, Brett Bodine eases the pace car onto the straightaway at Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama. With the calmness of a Sunday driver, he presses the gas pedal, sending the car to upwards of 100 mph. "I used to love racing here," says Bodine, 47, during a pre-race lap around the track in April.

After 18 years as a NASCAR Cup series driver, Bodine hung up his race suit in 2003 and now serves as the official pace car driver for the NEXTEL Cup series. "I've always threatened that one race I won't pull off the track," he adds with a laugh.

Since 2004 Bodine has driven the pace car, which leads racecars around the track at the start of every race, and slows the field following a yellow caution flag. "My job begins when we leave pit road at the start of the race," he says. "I have to set the pace so drivers can determine the exact pit road speed for their pit stops. Here at Talladega, it's 55 mph. But it's different at every track."

During a race, Bodine never exits his pace car and is in constant communication with a NASCAR official through an in-car headset. "As I'm driving around the track, I tell the race director the condi-

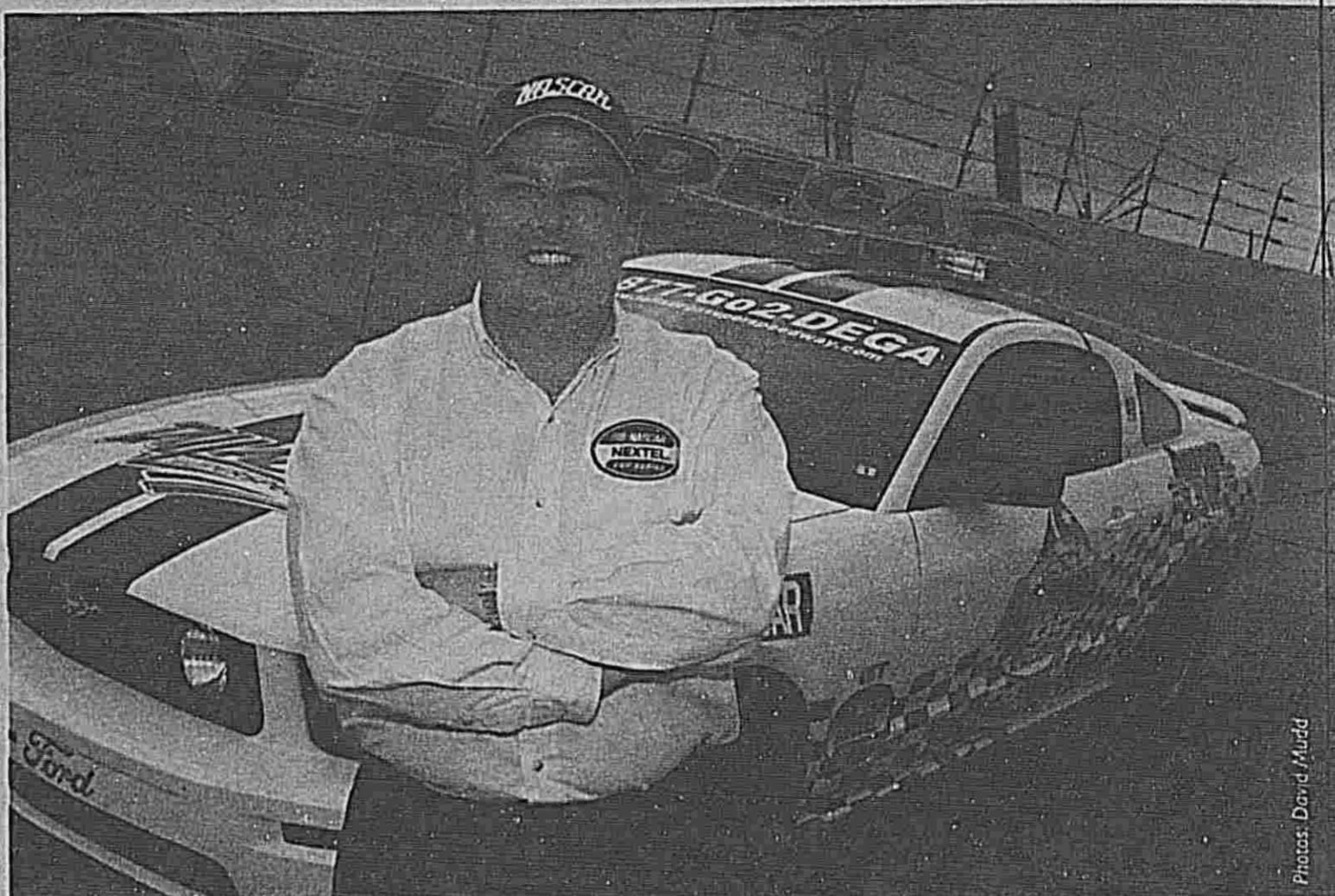


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Former race car driver Brett Bodine serves as the official pace car driver of NASCAR's Nextel Cup series. It's safe. Brett has a lot of insight into the entire sport. The way he came up through the ranks, he adds a lot to our business."

Bodine's immersion into racing began during his childhood in Chemung, N.Y. (pop. 2,665), where his parents owned and operated the Chemung Speedrome racetrack. "If you look at the jobs it takes to put on a race, you can't find a pair of shoes I haven't walked in," Bodine says. "I've done everything from cooking hamburgers at the concession stand to selling tickets. I flagged at the track when I was a kid, I scored races and I even drove the pace car for my dad at the track."

But in 1977 Bodine decided he was ready to race at his parents' track. "They weren't really pleased that I was a driver," says Bodine, whose brothers Geoff and Todd also are veteran NASCAR drivers. "My parents really wanted me to take over the family business."

Instead, he earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the State University of New York at Alfred, and gave himself five years to become a professional racecar driver. "I realized that I needed to go get an education before I went into professional racing," he says.

Today, he puts his education and racing experience to use at NASCAR's Research and Development Center in Concord, N.C., where his job title is director of cost research. In addition to his pace car duties, Bodine test-drives NASCAR's

Car of Tomorrow, an experimental racecar designed to address safety issues for drivers and lower costs for car owners. He also handles the approval process for new NASCAR drivers.

"I just hope I can help shape the sport in a positive way," says Bodine, who resides in Concord (pop. 55,977) with his wife, Kathi, and their 6-month-old twins, Kami and Eli. "And I hope I can help protect all my buddies out there on the racetrack." ☀

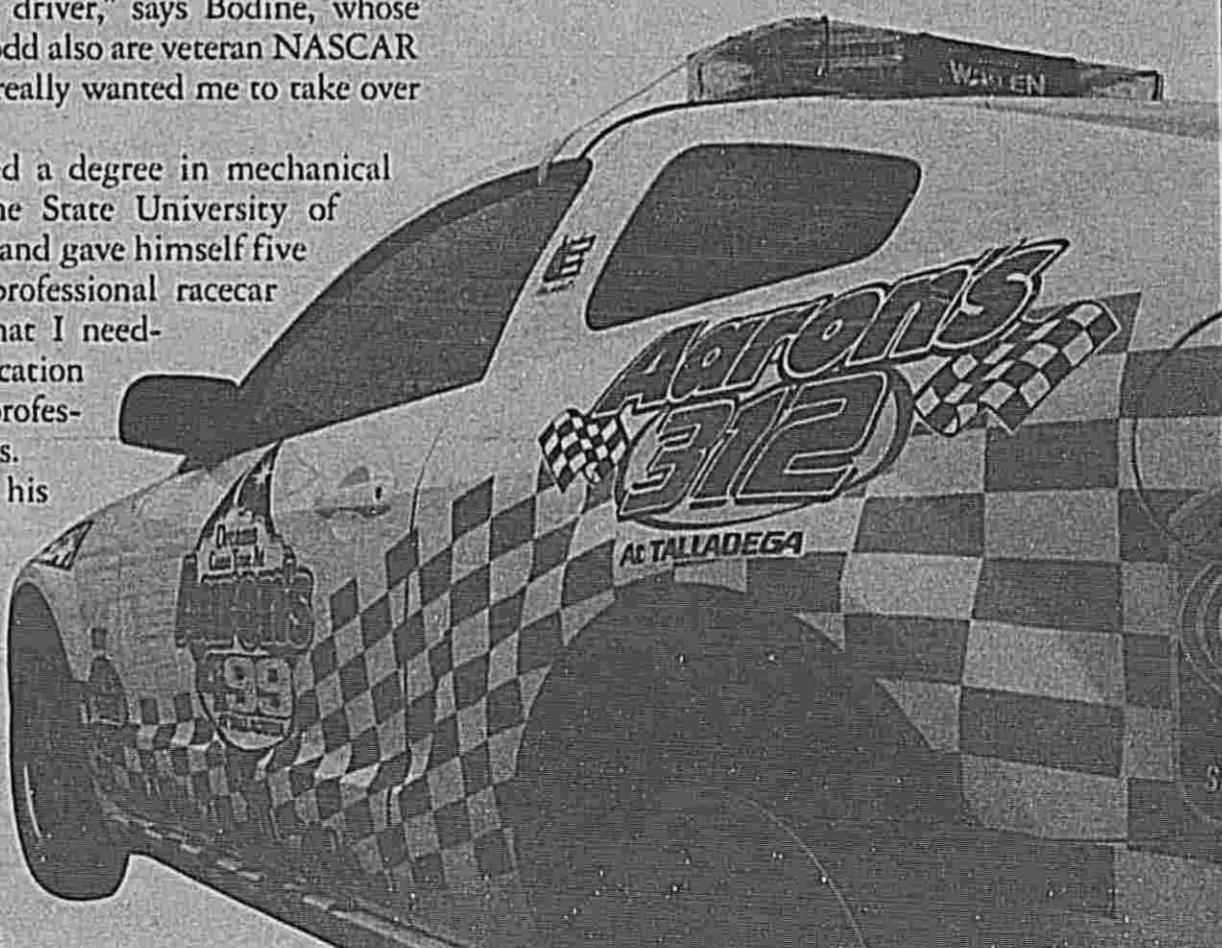
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Bodine slows the field at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway. tions I see and help him decide what equipment we need following an accident and then help determine when the track is all ready to go."

Robin Pemberton, NASCAR's vice president of competition, says the pace car driver is an essential part of the race. "When you're driving the pace car, you're not just driving the car," Pemberton says. "You're observing the track conditions to make sure



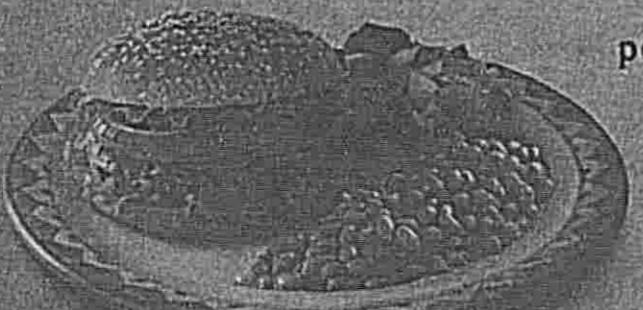


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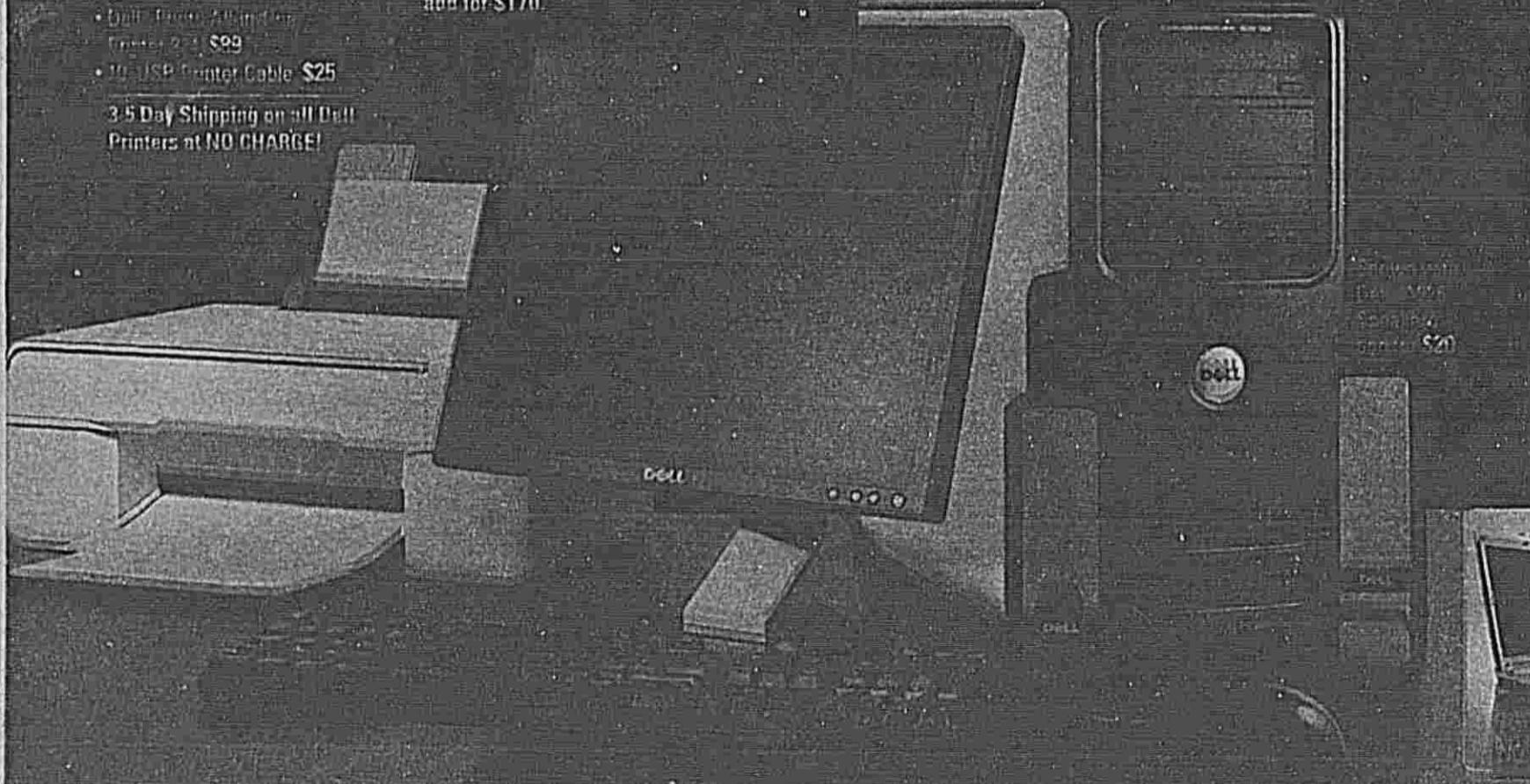
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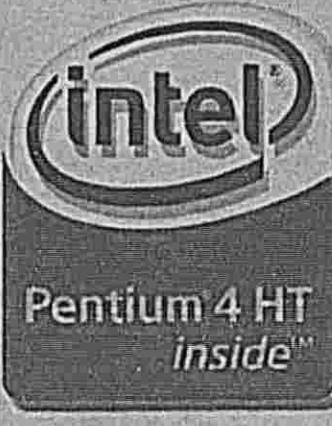
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